

## LOCAL WEATHER

Fair tonight. Probably snow Sunday, with rising temperature. Today's temperatures: 6 a. m., 2; 8 a. m., 0; 1 p. m., 18.

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## ALLIANCES WITH OTHER NATIONS IN CASE OF WORLD PEACE

## LANSING SAYS U. S. MAY BE OBLIGED TO ENTER PACTS

Government Has Already Considered Possible Necessity of Action if Guarantee of Peace Is Reached

## MENTION PAN-AMERICA

Western Hemisphere Nations, and Probably Certain European Nations, Would Be in Agreement

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States may have to enter what has previously been regarded as "an entangling alliance," if present peace negotiations go down to the point of international enforcement of peace guarantees.

The state department announced this officially today for the first time. Secretary Lansing held it to be somewhat premature to discuss such problems at this time, but indicated this government had considered the possible necessity for an alliance if any peace agreement is to bind.

The department manifestly regretted the allied interpretation that President Wilson, himself, had said both sides in Europe were fighting for the same thing.

It was pointed out that the peace not specifically said that leaders of both sides had named the things for which they were fighting and that their statements of purpose had agreed.

In the matter of the possible alliance, it was held that the United States would naturally link itself with the Pan-American nations, at the same time probably joining with certain European nations in an agreement which this country might have previously considered "entangling."

## BITTER FIGHT IN BAD WEATHER MARKS DOBRUDJA ADVANCE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Bitter fighting in snow and rain and slush is attending the German effort to advance in Dobrudja. Outnumbering the Russian defenders enormously, they have succeeded in forcing retirement of the czar's forces, but only after some hard fought battles along the entire front.

Stopped in their drive northward into Moldavia, it is apparent the Teutons have reinforced their Dobrudja line heavily and transferred their greatest pressure to this front. The object is undoubtedly to exert a flank pressure at a later period in the proposed advance on the Rumanian-Russian forces into the Bartia neighborhood.

## Let's Help City Lead Crusade On White Plague



Persons who saw the "Birth of a Nation" last spring probably remember the thrill they had when the hands of the Ku Klux Klan swept across the plain, thousands strong, to the rescue of the south.

The crusader represented here stands for soldiers just as devoted as those southerners, who are working for ideals just as lofty. Their work is not so spectacular but it is as sincere. He represents the spirit of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis association. At present the association is pushing the sale of its Christmas seals in order that more and more persons may be protected from the scourge of tuberculosis.

Madison is quadrupling its sale of former years. Racine is doubling its efforts. So far indications show that La Crosse will just about equal its usual record. Why not do more than that? The seals will be on sale until Jan. 1. If everyone gets busy there is no reason why La Crosse cannot surpass the amount she has realized the last few years.

## Armageddon Is Given Over To Christmas Spirit As Trench Lorries Distribute Gifts

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 22.—(Delayed.) "Twas the week before Christmas in the war zone of France, And the needs of the season made old Santa dance. He swapped off his reindeer; he scrapped his old sleigh—And handled his gifts on transport and dray. Then dodging through shells and barrages of bombs—Each second in danger of being blown into crumbs; Screed by his whisks, he kept on the go An missed not a Tommy in the whole bloomin' show."

For the third time Christmas is about to arrive at Armageddon. Supply trains bearing man-killing explosives for once can have yielded the right of way. Lorries in hundreds, driven by business-like Kriss Kringle's clad in khaki, have strewn gifts up and down the entire line—proving that the milk of human kindness is stronger than the red wine of war.

Santa has now finished the job. Nobody has been forgotten. Even the Tommies without families have received their Christmas puddings, chocolates, cigars, Christmas cards, cakes and trinkets. Despite the titanic dimensions of the undertaking, St. Nicholas has completed the job without a single hitch. During the past fortnight an average of 25,000 bags of letters and parcels have arrived in France daily—these being solely for the troops. But by every night, the postmaster has been able to announce a clean slate on the day's business.

Only forty-eight hours is usually required to transport rations from London to the trenches and some 1,400 sorters are usually employed in handling mail addressed to the expeditionary force. But Santa Claus multiplied that number many times in order that the Tommies might have their presents in time.

The outgoing mail is five times normal—soldiers sending their home folks money, trench souvenirs and post cards—the latter mostly silk stockings. The average soldier writes one letter a week and receives four. This ratio is being maintained at present and over 2,500,000 letters and parcels are sent homeward daily.

Despite additional changes and improvements made in the service and equipment of both companies during 1916, the state tax commission values the local street railway system and the Wisconsin-Minnesota Light and Power company's local holdings at the same figure as in 1915, it became known on Saturday, with the announcement of the preliminary valuation of utilities for 1916.

The preliminary value of Wisconsin Railway, Light and Power company is fixed by the commission at \$1,150,000 and La Crosse and Onalaska street car lines at \$200,000.

Less Than Local Figure Informed of the state tax commission figures, Tax Commissioner Joseph J. Frisch pointed out that the valuation of the gas company is \$150,000 less than that reached by the local assessors and board of review. He said that probably the city would take up the matter with the state board. Mr. Frisch announced that he would refer the matter to the mayor and city attorney.

The local assessors first valued the gas company's local system at a million and a half, reaching this figure by adding an estimate of new work done in 1916, including the new power station and line extensions, to the 1915 value fixed by the state board. Later, on representations made to the board of review, the valuation was scaled down by \$200,000, to allow for depreciation.

Mr. Frisch pointed out that the commission's figure is only preliminary. He said that probably the city will be able to procure a hearing on the matter before the final figure is reached by the commission.

More than nine million dollars has been added to the value of the electric lines of the state, according to the preliminary assessment announced by the state tax commission. The commission values all the lines at \$71,346,000 as compared with a final valuation of last year of \$62,688,000. The companies valued at more than a million are:

Duluth Street Railway company, \$1,100,000; Eastern Wisconsin Railway and Light company, \$1,600,000; Ironwood and Bessemer Railway and Light company, \$1,300,000; M. E. R. and L. company, \$31,250,000; Milwaukee Light, Heat and Traction company, \$8,750,000; Milwaukee Northern Railway company, \$1,650,000; Sheboygan Railway and Electric company, \$1,350,000; Wisconsin Gas and Electric, \$4,000,000; Wisconsin-Minnesota Light and Power company, \$9,000,000; Wisconsin Railway, Light and Power company, \$1,150,000; Wisconsin Public Service company, \$2,700,000; Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat and Power company, \$2,500,000; Wisconsin Valley Electric company (formerly Valley Street Railroad company and Merrill Railway and Lighting company), \$1,575,000.

Last year these companies paid a total tax of \$825,764, of which \$123,864 was retained by the state and \$701,899 was distributed among the localities through which the lines operate. This year's tax will be greater.

JOHN D. GIVES EAGLES

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Ten dollar gold pieces were given to more than 200 employees on the John D. Rockefeller estate at Pocantico hills Saturday.

## FEDERAL PROBE OF H. C. OF L. DOES NOT NEGLECT US

U. S. District Attorney Wolfe Is Back from Conference with Investigators in Chicago

## AGENTS ON THE ALERT

So Far Western District of Wisconsin Has Not Come Under Suspicion, Says Attorney

Government activity directed toward possible human agency in the sudden boom in the high cost of living has not neglected La Crosse and its vicinity, it was admitted by United States District Attorney W. F. Wolfe on Saturday, following his return from Chicago. While in Chicago, Mr. Wolfe conferred with other officials of the department of justice and other federal agencies who are probing the market situation, particularly in regard to foodstuffs and coal.

Incidentally, Mr. Wolfe furnished business in this city and the western district of Wisconsin generally a certificate of fair dealing. He said that federal investigators had found nothing untoward in any of the business activities hereabouts.

But the federal authorities are watching the situation alertly, Mr. Wolfe declared. He intimated that investigators for the department of justice are keeping up vigilance in this district to head off any untoward upward turns of the cost of living.

Mr. Wolfe, although reticent about methods made the definite statement on Saturday that there will be no coal famine in La Crosse and the western part of Wisconsin. He said the coal shortage is the only obstacle in the way of the coal dealers delivering the commodity, and with the inter-state commerce commission and the department of justice focussing on the problem, the coal situation will steadily improve.

The inter-state commerce commission is doing what it can to keep all cars moving and its agents are working hard in conjunction with the railroads. The eye of the department of justice is forever on the situation—both in the matter of the coal shortage and high price of food," said Mr. Wolfe.

Attorney Wolfe declared that the investigators have been unable to ascertain a single violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in this locality.

Prepared to Prosecute "The investigators are on the look-out all the time for illegal combinations, and should they be found," said Attorney Wolfe, "they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent."

"When it comes to the food situation, the truth is that there simply is a shortage and this is driving the prices away up. As an illusion, the wheat crop this year was over three hundred million bushels less than last year."

The federal district attorney declared that the Chicago investigators determined that the egg shortage was not caused by storage men holding an undue quantity of eggs. When asked about the cost of potatoes, Attorney Wolfe said that in his opinion the high cost was due alone to the fact that the crop in this section was practically a failure and that shipments had to be made from distant points, principally in the west.

"The one great trouble and the thing which we have been endeavoring to cure," said Attorney Wolfe, "is the 'stampede' which has taken case among those means. This is seen more than in anything else in the coal situation."

Reply To German Overtures Not Before Ten Days

By ED L. KEEN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The reply of the entente powers to Germany's peace proposals will not be delivered for probably ten days.

This was learned from sources close to the foreign office Saturday. The peace not received from President Wilson, since the German proposals were first announced, is undoubtedly partially responsible for the delay. It was stated, however, the fact that the reply of the allies will be deferred until probably some time next week is chiefly due to the inevitable delay incident to the exchange of views among the allied powers as to the phraseology of the answer.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 23.—The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Edmunds burned to death Saturday when their home was destroyed by fire.

## BRITAIN DENIES TORPEDOED ARABIA WAS A TRANSPORT

German Contention Vessel Was in Admiralty Service Contradicted in Note to State Department

## SINKING WAS ADMITTED

German Claim Was That Submarine Commander Sank the Vessel Thinking It in Admiralty Service

By CARL D. GROAT (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Contradicting Germany's contentions that the steamer Arabia was a British transport, the British government on Saturday informed the state department the Arabia was not in admiralty service when she was submarined nor had she ever been in such service.

Great Britain did say, however, the Arabia carried some government passengers, "booked as ordinary packet passengers at the expense of the government."

There were no Asiatic workmen soldiers aboard, the note said. Germany had admitted sinking the ship. She claimed there were Asiatic workmen soldiers aboard and said her submarine commander believed the ship was a transport in view of the fact that she was not following the ordinary steamer course.

The state department had awaited this word before deciding its course toward Germany in pending submarine matters.

Secretary Lansing indicated he is undecided about passing along the "incomplete information" to Germany and it is thought he will wait for the figures of Great Britain before deciding upon action.

## Dresden Women Are Reported In Food Riots

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Serious food riots at Dresden in which police and military forces were used by the German authorities to quell the attack of a hundred women were reported in Rotterdam dispatches Saturday to the exchange Telegraph company. The riots occurred on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, it was asserted. On Tuesday three policemen were seriously wounded by the rioters.

The Rotterdam dispatch asserted that the women joined in a procession which stoned shops and marched past the palace shouting for food. The sharpest fighting occurred Tuesday when the authorities sought to suppress the demonstration which at that time was joined in by a hundred women.

## Rise of Nivelle Smashes French Army Hierarchy



General Robert Nivelle

General Robert Nivelle's elevation to the post formerly held by General Joffre indicates the strenuous methods of Briand's new ministry to inject new blood into the conductors of the war.

## VILLA HOLDS THE KEY TO NORTHERN MEXICO WHEN TORREON FALLS

## Christmas Rush Brings Delivery Sunday Morning

A scare of parcel post automobile trucks, whose drivers' right to the titles of Santa Claus only lacks the presence of long white whiskers, will deliver the bulkier parcel post packages to La Crosse homes on Sunday morning.

Postmaster Olaf R. Skaar makes the announcement that the postoffice windows will be open between 10 and 11 o'clock Sunday morning and that letter mail and small package mail will be given out by the clerks.

The delivery Sunday is optional with postmasters. Realizing the crush will reach its worst on Sunday, Postmaster Skaar decided to clear up the office as much as possible before Christmas morning.

One delivery of mail—during which it is hoped to dispense every piece of mail in the postoffice—will be made on Christmas morning.

## LONDON PRESS NOW BELIEVES WILSON HAS SIDE ISSUE

First Burst of Indignation Past, Papers Work on Belief He "Has Something Up His Sleeve"

## HAS TERMS OF GERMANY?

Hope Expressed Hint of Peace "Just Around the Corner" Is Based on Secret Information

By ED L. KEEN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London press took a new tack Saturday in fighting out why President Wilson sent his peace note. The first outburst of indignation having died down somewhat, editorials began speculating on the belief that the American president has "something up his sleeve."

Some had the idea that the note was based on special information which Wilson had obtained as to the exact terms which Germany is willing to make and that the note was not an indication of anti-ally sentiment. The two statements by the American Secretary of State Lansing were held thoroughly bewildering—but the editorials agreed they were a side issue.

All newspapers expressed the hope that the president's hint that peace may be "just around the corner," might have been based on secret information from Germany.

The Pall Mall Gazette came out frankly with the suggestion that the president withdrew the note.

"Whether it was simple oversight, or a case of over-subtlety," the editorial asserted, "the president has gravely blundered and unless the blunder is revoked it will bear evil and irrevocable fruit."

The Globe has this explanation for the sending of the note:

"Supposing Germany had threatened ruthless 'frightfulness' unless President Wilson made a supreme effort for peace. This would afford a complete explanation of Wilson's note and Secretary Lansing's indiscreet comment. Such frightfulness would compel Wilson either to betray his country's honor and violate his own most solemn pledges, or else enter the war. Either alternative is almost equally repulsive—wherefore the note apparently represents his efforts to evade both."

## OHIO PETTY OFFICERS ARE DEMOTED FOR SIGNING PROTEST

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 23.—By reducing to the ranks sergeants and corporals of the Eighth Ohio national guard signing the "round robin" protest against camp conditions and food, in violation of the articles of war, final action on the protest was taken, it was announced by General Bell Saturday.

After several days' investigation, army inspectors reported that the charges of the guardsmen were without foundation. To more than 500 privates signing the petition, no discipline will be administered.

## DE FACTO PUT UP WEAK RESISTANCE BEFORE VILLISTAS

Authentic Reports of Capture Received by American Officials and Sent to Washington

## ATTACK AT DATABREAK

Carranzistas in Force of from One to Three Thousands Evacuate the City

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Villa is in possession of Torreón, the most important railway center in northern Mexico.

At 1 o'clock Friday the bandit forces marched into the city. In an early morning assault the Villistas had met with a brief resistance from the Carranzista garrison which then abandoned the city.

Authentic reports of the fall of Torreón were obtained by United States department agents here during the night and transmitted to Washington. Despite the silence of the Mexican consulate, United States authorities here appear sure of their ground.

This stroke places Villa at the height of his power since General Pershing's expedition chased his broken bands into Durango.

Through "underground" sources mining men here learned additional details of the Carranzista disaster. With six troop trains the bandit chief passed through Bermejillo after the government forces had hastily withdrawn into Torreón.

Led by Colonel Fernandez, the Villistas started their attacks upon the Coahuila metropolis through Gomez Palacio and Lerdo before daybreak Friday. They met with desultory resistance from the Carranzista forces, meantime the government garrisons estimated at from one to three thousand men evacuating the city.

Americans Flee Several Americans in charge of three foreign owned enterprises fled from Aguascalientes before the attack began.

Advices Saturday placed General Salazar, next in command to Villa, south of Chihuahua City, in a strategic position holding Gen. Murguía in the northern capital and preventing movement of government troops toward Torreón. Salazar is reported to be making preparations for another attack upon Chihuahua City.

In military circles here the latest movements of Villa are being watched with keenest interest. Officials discern in the reported capture of Torreón Villa's boldest stroke—a smashing blow at the army of General Murguía in north Mexico.

United States department agents declare that Villa in person is in

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## He Gets Kitchen Wife the Balance Judge Splits Home

Mr. and Mrs. George Gerbig don't get along together—in fact, Anna is suing George for a divorce—but they are going to live together until the middle of March, by order of Judge Higbee. Mrs. Gerbig told the judge that she couldn't find another house in the neighborhood of her home near Hillsboro, and that she didn't want to leave. So the judge said Gerbig would have to let her live in his house for the time being.

Then the judge divided the premises, to avoid scrapping, thus:

Gerbig is to be given the full swing of the kitchen while his wife may have the run of the balance of the house. Neither is to bother the other and if there is any interference, Judge Higbee announced, there will be someone cited for contempt of court. While Gerbig will finally have his house to himself his wife will be given all the furniture and kitchen utensils. Divorce was refused Mrs. Gerbig Saturday morning. She asked a decree on grounds of cruelty, supported by the story of a blow Gerbig was said to have struck her. But the judge dismissed that evidence when it was shown that after the incident the Gerbigs had become reconciled.



# WEEK'S OFFERING IN MOVIELAND AS SEEN IN LA CROSSE

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO INVADE PHOTOPLAY THEATERS IN EXPOSITION OF FEATURES AND STARS—CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG APPEARS IN A NEW SCREEN HIT—DOROTHY GISH TO PLAY WITH "TRIANGLE KIDDIES" AND MARY PICKFORD PROMISES DELIGHT IN "HEARTS ADRIFT"

THE GREATEST exposition of motion picture features, and reunion of favorites of La Crosse screens, since the "movies" first made their happy appearance is to be the special privilege of the "fan" of the celluloid during Christmas week.

Ann Pennington, famous dancer of Ziegfeld's Follies, Dorothy Gish, accompanied by the "Triangle Kiddies," Anita King and Thomas Meighan, a famed pair of Paramount productions, Edna Mayo, Clara Williams, are among the celebrities who will head splendid casts at local theaters. The week will bring something particularly nice when Mary Pickford appears at the Bijou. Clara Kimball Young will be a highly welcome visitor in one of her new screen plays.

Metro stars and a host of other well known faces will appear in thoroughly big programs at the Casino, Dome and Strand.

As far as the plays are concerned, there is going to be a variety of them which will outdo the season's best efforts. "The Heir to the Hoorah," "Children of the Feud," in which the "Kiddies" appear, "The Chaparrone," "Hearts Adrift" and "The Rainbow Princess" will occupy the center of the spotlight.

"Merry Christmas" atmospheres are already invading the movie theaters, along with the rest of the city. The play houses will be decorated especially for the occasion.

Following the custom of years past the poor "kids" of La Crosse will be the guests of the Bijou theater on Wednesday afternoon, December 27. The children will visit the Bijou after participating in the dinner and Christmas tree party to be given them on the same afternoon by the Elks at their lodge rooms. They will witness Mary Pickford in "Hearts Adrift," one of Little Mary's best productions.

## Sensational Movie Coming to La Crosse

"THE LITTLE GIRL NEXT DOOR" which has perhaps met with more trouble at the hands of censors than any other picture, although a film which has been commended highly by all the best critics of America, is coming to the La Crosse Theater Dec. 26, 27 and 28. It is a production dealing with vice and lays bare many facts which producers have not dared use in films heretofore. The film leaves a deep impression. A clever cast take the various characters.

## Big Christmas Show for Strand

CHRISTMAS DAY is going to be a big one for the Strand patrons, according to the announcement of Manager F. J. McWilliams, who has succeeded in booking in for the holiday the big Vitaphone feature, "The Destroyer." Although the film is well-known among film-men as a "knockout," it perhaps may be best fixed in the minds of film-fans as a dramatization of James Oliver Curwood's big story "Peter God."

"The Destroyer" is a story which opens in the north woods, the place where Curwood's experience and talent is most at home. But after a bit the scene shifts back to events which preceded the opening of the

story, in the way only available to movies, and describes a taming which happened in the heart of civilization. It is briefly the tale of a strong man who "bucked the organization" in politics. And the organization "frames" him. He loses faith in society, in his wife, in everything, and hides himself in the snows. There his wife seeks him out and raises him again to the level from which he has fallen. The story is replete with compelling incidents, and is a tale of action rather than of characterization—just the sort of thing to hold an audience enthralled after a good dinner on a cold holiday afternoon.

Saturday, as usual, sees Helen Holmes at the Strand in "The Lass of the Lumberlands."

Sunday the Jackson street house will have a flash at J. Warren Kerrigan's latest film success, "The Beckoning Trail," a vital story of Broadway and the redwood forests. It will be supplemented by a classy comedy featuring Billy Ritchie, a story in the Chaplin manner called "Cold Hearts and Hot Fannies."

## Dorothy Gish Opens Majestic's Week

WILLIAM S. HART, the favorite "bad man" of Triangle productions and, in fact, the hero of the host of "western" actors of the movies, will be seen at the Majestic theater today for the last time in "The Devil's Double," which has just a bit the

## JUST A FEW CHRISTMAS WEEK STARS



Lillian Gish, Triangle.



ANITA KING  
Lasky-Paramount



CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG  
The Rise of Susan  
A WORLD PICTURE



ANN PENNINGTON  
Famous Players-Lasky



WILLIAM S. HART

edge on any of Hart's pictures. Hart has the role of Bowie Blake.

Dorothy Gish and those delightful and original Triangle Kiddies are to be featured on the Majestic theater's screen Sunday and Monday in "Children of the Feud." The combination of stories of the mountain "moonshiner," and the southern feud go to make a better-than-ordinary film. Sairy Ann Clayton, the character taken by Miss Gish, is the daughter of an old moonshiner. Most of her time is spent in caring for her brothers and sisters—the Triangle "kids." Old Clayton is arrested for moonshining and along with Jed Martin, a relative who is in love with Sairy Ann. On release Martin swears to get even with Jackson, a deputy who was prominent in his arrest. The town doctor, who loves Sairy Ann, is also the recipient of Martin's hatred. The moonshiner sets out to kill him. Instead he kills Jackson, is arrested again and held for trial. The trial is the climax of the picture, is a thoroughly big scene. As a Christmas Day attraction "Children of the Feud" would be hard to compete with.

Edna Mayo, Eugene O'Brien, the star of "The Return of Eve," and Sydney Ainsworth, take the leading roles in "The Chaparrone," a K. E. S. E. production which bids fair to hold more than ordinary attention. The attraction comes to the Majestic Tuesday and Wednesday. Comedy is the dominating note in the play. The story was written by Marion Fairfax. She has put plenty of fun in the house party scene when the butler, the cook and the chauffeur all quit for one reason or another. The manner in which four girls and their respective lovers save off the advances of a mercenary duke who is searching for his runaway

wife is done humorously and pleasantly.

On the same days the Majestic will show another chapter of the athletic champion films. Local lovers of sports have said the pictures are the best ever seen here and they are distinctly original.

Clara Williams and William Desmond come to the Majestic for the three days closing the week to come in another Triangle—"The Criminal." The story is the creation of C. Gardner Sullivan, right wing and mainstay of the Triangle scenario-writing force. To those who have followed Sullivan's work, the picture will be another treat, for it is alive with evidences of Gardner's story-telling ability.

## Little Mary Comes To the Bijou

LITTLE MARY PICKFORD, who recently erased her name from the banner of Paramount picture plays and was seen in La Crosse a few weeks ago in "Less Than the Dust," will return to the Bijou theater during the week to come as one of the special holiday-week attractions arranged for by the management.

Owen Moore is closing his engagement at the Third street theater today in "The Kiss," a breezy comedy-drama of thrills and laughs and one of Moore's best. Pictographs are also on the bill for the end of the week.

For the Sunday and Christmas day programs the Bijou will offer Ann Pennington, famous dancer of the Ziegfeld Follies, in "The Rainbow Princess." Miss Pennington won the hearts of La Crosse through a recent appearance or two and she showed that dancing was not her only accomplishment. The story is one of the circus. There are many laughs

in it and room for a few tears and as a whole it is delightful. William Courtleigh is the male star. Burton Holmes' famous motion picture of Mount Vesuvius in eruption is included in his travelogue for the first holiday of the year.

Probably one of the very biggest announcements of the week is made when the Bijou lets us into the secret that Clara Kimball Young, who holds the distinction of being the most beautiful woman in motion pictures, comes with another bit of joy in the shape of a film called "The Rise of Susan."

Mary Pickford appears Thursday in "Hearts Adrift," a Paramount which won marked success in La Crosse three years ago. Another big event of the week will be the presentation of Paramount's promised comedy-roar, "Almost a Deserter," made in a single reel. The comedy will mark an epoch in funny movies. It has to do with two tramps who invade a military camp. It is clean-cut and well worth seeing.

For the first time the popular stage play, "The Heir to the Hoorah," a Lasky-Paramount production, will be shown in pictures at the Bijou Friday and Saturday. It brings the well known Thomas Meighan and Anita King. The story is of three millionaire miners who are looking for an heir to "The Hoorah," a gold mine they own. If you have or have not read the story—you'll enjoy it first rate. Pictographs, and more peppery than ever, come to town again.

## Mac Drops The Metro

NO MORE METRO at the Casino, Manager F. J. McWilliams announced. Recently Mac cut his Metro days down to two a week, and now he has

eliminated them entirely, and will select his own program from the diversified field of releases. Mac explains that the Metro, while always excellent, was too much dead level sameness. The idea is to change and brighten up the Casino's program, in its manager's view.

Closing the week on Saturday, the Casino is showing "One Day," "Jaffrey" was its first release. "The Ocean Wave" is number two on a program that promises big things. This picture has Carlyle Blackwell in the leading role, and dainty, appealing, Doris Kenyon, the little girl whose wistful smile ever fails to get over, as the little beauty he meets in the haunted house. But heck!—we're not going to give away the story. That isn't fair. Anyhow, its historians in the movie magazines say it's a real one.

Like all the rest, Manager Mac stretched himself away out to the limit to get a Christmas picture that he can call a "bear." And he nailed that bear-stuff down hard when he signed up our old friend of the starry eye, J. Warren Kerrigan, the fighting felix of the films, to appear in "The Beckoning Trail." This picture is California big tree stuff, with a prologue of Broadway. It tells the tale of a base money-boy who is burning it up on the famous lamp-lit alley until he finds the big empty. Then he for the west and a fortune.

The fortune comes, all right, but there's some row in the middle, and a classy picture to tell about it. J. Warren Kerrigan, as the after-dinner introducer always say, needs no introduction to this gathering. He's the chap with the handsome nose and the wavy hair—sure, you know him. He was here last in "The Measure of a Man"—now you've placed him, have you not? Well, Mac says this is just that big and bigger.

J. Warren will continue to flicker at the Casino Monday and Tuesday, after which that international favorite, Miss Florence La Badie, will succeed him. Florence will bring her cute smile and attractive personality sunk in misery and emotion in one of the strongest parts the scenario writer has slipped her yet. She's the hero in "The Fear of Poverty"—and probably we all know something about that fear ourselves, yes? Well, Florence is a poor little rich girl who is afraid of losing it, and what she does, and what he does, and what all the rest of them do, is a marvel. But Florence doesn't really lose it—or does she? Darned, if we haven't forgotten. Oh, well, whichever way it comes out it's all very interesting.

The last picture of Broadway all lighted up for the night that we saw had right in the center of it a great flashing theater sign with "The Lure" on it in three-foot letters. Hence, as you may say in a manner of speaking, we are more or less intrigued by the announcement that this year's runner on the electric avenue is coming here all worked out in the films. Of course everybody has a pretty good general idea about "The Lure." White slave stuff, fans, remember? It's a World feature, adapted from the successful play. The Casino will show it Friday and Saturday next week.

## The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

### Uncle Thaddeus Preaches

BY OSBORNE JONES

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If there was any Christmas spirit abroad in the big factory it hadn't permeated to the business office. There, except for the fact that the calendars were opened to December 24, and that at 3 o'clock in the afternoon business activities seemed to lag, though there were two more hours of the workday, one might have thought it was any other time but Christmas.

The telephone operator leaned back in her chair by the switchboard. In a small mirror fastened at the top of the board she regarded her own pert countenance and languidly dabbed a bit more powder on her nose with the large wool puff she had in her hand. She was almost always armed with this munition. Out of the corner of her eye she saw Tom Brewster, the one-time office boy who had made good on the road, and had been back from a long trip but a day. Tom had once made her consent to wed him, but now her head had been turned by the fickle glances

of a buyer and the telephone operator chose to be cruel.

The light that flickered on the board before her roused her slightly. It was from the manager's office.

"Where the deuce is Miss Bland?" came the voice through the receiver. Miss Bland was the private secretary. "Send her in at once."

A minute later when Miss Bland hurried noiselessly into the manager's office a tear glistened in her eye. Perhaps, she knows, it was because of Bill Clark. Rumor had had it once that Clark was engaged to Miss Bland, but the chief cashier, turned of head by a recent promotion, had, as the new salesman put it, "been hitting it up," of late, with a consequent loss of interest in quiet Miss Bland.

The manager frowned as Miss Bland took her seat, dictated rapidly, dismissed her and then called her back.

"Take this memo for Clark. See that Thaddeus is discharged at the end of the week. Give him a day's notice and no wages in advance," and then, though Miss Bland managed to choke back the exclamation of surprise that came in her throat, the manager muttered an apology.

"No reason why we should burden ourselves with people after they are too old to do their work, and it isn't any of our business what becomes of them afterward. I've seen enough of philanthropy in business. It doesn't pay. That's all now, Miss Bland."

She left and as she went there were two tears in her eyes, but they were both for herself. She was part of the spirit about her, and, save for her feeling of surprise, she felt no concern for the old porter who had been dismissed so summarily.

"Sorry the old fellow's got to go," remarked Bill Clark later when he had noted the memorandum from the manager. "He was as funny as a crutch. Honest, I'll miss not having him to laugh at. He says he used to be a preacher, and there's nothing he likes to do like preaching. I've ever hear him?"

Clark was talking to the new salesman, but it occurred to neither of them to feel pity for the old man who had worked faithfully for ten years in the big factory, at a wage barely sufficient to pay for his frugal meals and his cheap tobacco.

Ten minutes later, old Thaddeus, feeling any pity, no one wondered what would become of the poor old fellow, turned away from the only place in the city that he knew as home. For old Thaddeus, in lieu of better wages, had been allowed to sleep on a cot in the engine room. His hours of work began in the late afternoon, when he began to clear out the trash and rubbish from the factory, and lasted into the night with the scrubbing, sweeping and dusting.

Thaddeus went about his work, smiling as he did so.

"Guess the old gink is a little doped. Watch him smile," remarked the chief cashier.

The afternoon dragged on, but because it was Christmas eve there was little work to do. Four o'clock and still the spirit of Christmas hadn't made the least headway in the office of the big factory. The telephone girl yawned and yawned the powder puff again. The manager sat in his office looking anxiously into space, not because he had any special cause for anxiety, but from force of recently acquired habit. The private secretary sat at her desk, trying to read a book but thinking, no doubt, of the cashier, and the young salesman and the cashier were swapping stories in the cashier's office.

Meantime old Thaddeus was ambling back and forth through the offices with bags full of waste paper and rubbish. "What do you say to getting the old fellow to perform for us?" suggested the cashier to the salesman. "I remember once, years ago, we got him going—stood him up on the desk and you never heard such a scream. He preached about Adam and Eve and Noah and the rest of them—preached till the tears were running down his old cheeks and the tears were running down ours from laughing. Then we passed the hat and got a few dimes for him—he said he was going to send it back to his old sister in Virginia. Shouldn't wonder if he did. It was about \$2, I suppose, but it looked a lot to him."

Ten minutes later, old Thaddeus, trembling with emotion, was standing atop of one of the closed typewriter desks, where the cashier and the salesman had lifted him. Even the manager, weary of looking anxiously into space, had come out from his office to watch the fun. And from the first utterance from the wrinkled brown lips the group around him had begun to laugh. They were in a mood to be amused easily, and,

besides, just to look at Thaddeus was to satisfy one's cravings for the ridiculous. Perhaps this was because of his broad, genial smile in the midst of wrinkles, rags and rheumatism.

Ten minutes later the laughter had ceased. The bent figure had straightened out and the eyes were shining with the clear light and faith of conviction. Every pair of eyes in the dozen or so around him was riveted on him intently.

"I know, sisters and brethren," he said, "that you intend to pass the hat and take up a collection for me, and I know it is because of the mite of Christmas spirit in yo' hearts that you is doin' this fo' me. An' I's grateful, that I is." Here the voice grew clearer and the eyes shone brighter. "But what I wants to tell yo' is that I poor ol' crippled darkey as I is, have got mo' to give you all than you all has got to give me. I's got in my heart a treasure, the treasure of lovin' one another, lovin' your brethren and sisters same as I loves yo' all—especially the same as I loves yo' ol' sister down in Virginia. And yo' all have lost sight of that kind of lovin'. I can tell by lookin' in yo' faces."

And so the old man preached on and the faces around him grew more intent and the figures grew closer. "And now," he said, raising his withered brown hand in a blessing, "I gives my great Christmas gift to you—the greatest of all gifts—of lovin' one another."

So the old man stopped, and no one noticed how much went into the hat that the salesman silently passed around, and no one spoke save in monosyllables, for the Christmas spirit had at last entered the office of the big factory.

It was 10 o'clock by the clock in the office and old Thaddeus was on his knees scrubbing the concrete floors, crooning as he did so an old darkey melody. Just then the door opened, and the telephone girl bundled into a man's overcoat, came in on the arm of the new salesman.

"You're a parson, honor bright, aren't you?" the man asked. "Well, here's the license. We had a little talk after your sermon, Uncle Thad-

deus, and here we are. Can you marry us right away?" And there in the outer office beside the switchboard the little telephone girl was married to the new salesman. After it was over and the blessing had been pronounced the old man smiled and said: "I'll tell you now this is the second marryin' these ol' han's has blessed tonight. Mr. Cashier and the manager's secretary, they got here ahead of you all. They said it was the little sermon did it, too."

Thaddeus was almost ready to leave the office, his work done, when the door opened with a rush. It was the manager, out of breath and excited.

"I was afraid I'd miss you, Uncle," he said, with a smile that was as genial as Thaddeus' own. "But I have a little something to tell you. I've been to the president of the concern to have it O' K.'d or I'd have got here sooner. You have been faithful, and we appreciate you, Thaddeus, and we are going to pension you for life. For the rest of your days you are to receive your regular wage and half as much besides. You can stay here or not as you choose. Perhaps you'd rather go back to your old sister in Virginia. I wanted to tell you myself so you'd know that your sermon had brought the Christmas spirit into one of our cold hearts at least."

## WILSON AND GOVERNOR PHILIPP AMONG NOTABLES TO HAVE BUFFALO MEAT

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will have buffalo steak for his Christmas dinner. It will be the largest piece cut from a fat yearling killed by local hunters in the second buffalo hunt held in the Pan-handle in a quarter of a century.

Other choice cuts were sent to Ambassador Jusserand of France, Secretary McAdoo, Senator Culberson of Texas, Governor Ferguson of Texas, Governor Philipp of Wisconsin and the four members of the federal farm loan board.

## HOLD ITALIANS FOR STABBING

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—Two Italians were held by police following the stabbing of Joseph Gagliano, 45, foreman at a munitions factory here. Police are unable to explain the attack on Gagliano.

## OHIO GOVERNOR HINTS AT UGLY GUARD SITUATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Letters from Governor Willis of Ohio, requesting that all Ohio guardsmen on border duty be returned to their homes as soon as possible, were to be placed before Secretary of War Baker by Senator Harding Friday.

The letters from Governor Willis hint at ugly situations among the guardsmen on the border.

## GUARDS DELAYED LEAVING BORDER

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—None of the 16,000 national guardsmen ordered home in the last war department order will be able to move before the middle of next week, according to railroad officials. The first group was scheduled to start Friday.

## MILWAUKEEAN RUNS ROAD

MANITOWOC, Wis., Dec. 23.—J. G. Miller of Milwaukee is the new manager of the local traction company, representing the Clement C. Smith interests, which purchased the line from Thomas Higgins. Two new steel cars and other equipment are on the way from St. Louis. An extension in the western part of the city will probably be made.

## BELOW IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Thirteen below zero gave Milwaukee its coldest day of the year Friday.

## OFFICIALDOM OF ARGENTINE QUIET ON WILSON NOTE

BY CHARLES P. STEWART

(United Press Staff Correspondent) BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23.—The first statement of the American Secretary of State Lansing caused officialdom here to close up clam-like. His subsequent modification failed to restore talkativeness. Officials evidently considered the situation too delicate to discuss.

Neither the Wilson note nor the Lansing statements have yet materially affected South American markets. A majority of traders do not expect any speedy results from either.

Press comment is typical of this view. Editorials agree that the note is "valiant and sensible" and expresses the sentiments of all "neutral" peoples as well as neutrals. The newspapers agree that the diagnosis President Wilson seeks is obviously necessary to cure the present disease.

## NO SUCCESSOR FOR WHITTET

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 23.—Governor Philipp will not appoint a private secretary to succeed Lawrence C. Whittet, according to his statement Friday. Mr. Whittet will necessarily leave the governor's office when the legislative session commences. "I will not appoint a secretary," said the governor. "Mr. Whittet will only be out of my office a few months and it would not be worth while to put another man in here. I guess we can worry along without another appointee."

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE**

The senate of the United States, being limited to two members from each commonwealth, has grown in numbers slowly and when there are no more territories to be made into states its growth will cease. But membership in the house, being based on population, has increased more rapidly and, under present rulings, this increase will know no end, for there will probably never come a time when our population will cease to expand. Already the capacity of the capitol is taxed to accommodate 435 house members, on an apportionment of 211,877 inhabitants to a congressional district, and sooner or later the multiplication of membership will render imperative a reduction in numbers. Realizing that the house has become unwieldy as well as crowded, Speaker Clark proposes a reduction of the present membership to 300.

Reduction in the house membership would not be without precedent, for after the census of 1840 the apportionment provided for a slightly smaller number of members than had been provided after the census of 1830. The reduction proposition, however, has never been popular, the states being inclined to object to the loss of any representation they have enjoyed. But a uniform reduction applied to all the states alike would involve no real loss by any state. An increase in the membership after each decennial apportionment can not go on forever. There must come a time when we shall have fewer congressmen in proportion to population than we have now and when an election to membership in the house will be a greater distinction. Speaker Clark's suggestion may be seriously considered in 1920 before the new apportionment is made.

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Month of November

**NOVEMBER 11,836**  
DAILY AVERAGE

1—Wed 11,831	16—Thur 11,842
2—Thur 11,867	17—Fri 11,814
3—Fri 11,861	18—Sat 11,831
4—Sat 11,837	19—Sunday
5—Sunday	20—Mon 11,809
6—Mon 11,851	21—Tue 11,827
7—Tue 11,829	22—Wed 11,854
8—Wed 11,840	23—Thur 11,833
9—Thur 11,838	24—Fri 11,821
10—Fri 11,901	25—Sat 11,846
11—Sat 11,808	26—Sunday
12—Sunday	27—Mon 11,819
13—Mon 11,811	28—Tue 11,839
14—Tue 11,840	29—Wed 11,804
15—Wed 11,859	30—Thur 11,816
Total	307,732
Average	11,836
Extra copies during the month	6,631

Total average for Nov. 12,091

I, Frank H. Burgess, business manager of the La Crosse Tribune, do solemnly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named, printed and circulated during the month of November, 1916, was as above stated.

*Frank H. Burgess*  
Notary Public

**WEATHER**  
U. S. Weather Bureau

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:38 a. m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 4:32 p. m.

**Yesterday's Temperatures**  
High, 10; low, -4; precipitation, 0.

**Forecasts**  
For Wisconsin: Fair tonight. Sunday increasing cloudiness and rising temperature, becoming unsettled by night.  
For Minnesota: Fair tonight; not so cold in south portion. Sunday increasing cloudiness with probably snow in south portion.  
For Iowa: Increasing cloudiness with probably snow late tonight or Sunday. Rising temperature.

**Weather Conditions**  
The southern storm has passed to the gulf of St. Lawrence accompanied by rain and high winds. New York reported a maximum wind of 84 miles.  
A moderate high now covers the gulf and south Atlantic states while an area of low pressure extends from the north Pacific coast to Texas.  
The temperature has moderated in the northwest but are still 8 to 20 degrees below zero.  
The weather will be fair in this section tonight followed by unsettled weather Sunday and probably snow in afternoon or night. The temperature will moderate Sunday.

**The Searchlight**

**WOUNDS CURED BY OZONE**  
One of the newest therapeutic measures developed in the European war hospitals is the healing of deep and obstinate wounds by oxygen. It is introduced into an electrical machine which converts it into ozone. A fine tube running from the machine to the wound conducts a continuous flow into the most remote crevice of the wound. The ozone not only heals the wound quickly but eliminates the use of bandages and surgical dressings which frequently cause the greatest pain. Obstinate wounds which have been refused to heal for months have been quickly improved by the introduction of ozone.

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**OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS**  
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**Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles**

**One of the Mouths of Kids**  
Small Edna—"Oh, look at the cows!"  
Small Nellie—"Why, they're not cows; they are only calves."  
Small Edna—"But what's the difference?"  
Small Nellie—"Cows give beef and calves give veal cutlets."

**Give Another a Chance**  
An old American revolutionary soldier was a candidate for congress and his opponent was a young man who had "never been to the wars," and it was the custom of the old soldier to tell of the hardships he had endured. Said he "Fellow Citizens, I have fought and bled for my country. I have helped to whip the British and the Indians. I have slept on the field of battle with no other covering than the canopy of heaven. I have walked over the frozen ground till every footstep was marked with blood."

About this time one of the voters, who had become greatly interested in his tale of sufferings, walked up in front of the speaker, wiped the tears from his eyes with the extremity of his coat and interrupted him with: "Did you say you had fought the British and Indians?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Did you say you had slept on the ground while serving your country without any kiver?"  
"I did."  
"Did you say your feet covered the ground you walked over with blood?"  
"Yes," replied the speaker exultingly.  
"Well, then," said the tearful citizen, as he gave a sigh of pent up emotion, "I guess I'll vote for 'other fellow, for I'll be hanged if you haven't done enough for your country."

**Otherwise Engaged**  
"How do you account for the high cost of living?"  
"I don't have time to account for it," replied Mr. Growcher. "I'm too busy hustling for the price."—Washington Evening Star.

**The Difference**  
Bridget—"The new neighbors want to cut their grass, mum, and they sent over to ask the loan of your lawn-mower."  
Miss—"Lend them our lawn-mower to cut the grass on the Sabbath? Certainly not! Tell them, Bridget, that we haven't one."

**THE CHILD COMES INTO ITS OWN**

A public park used to be a place with trees and grass and gravel walks, with a few shrubs and flowers, and perhaps a little stream of water, or a fountain or two. It was meant to stroll around in, or to sit down in. It was a place for the genteel and leisurely recreation of grown-up citizens.

The plans for a "model park" that is about to be laid out in a New Hampshire town say nothing about that sort of thing. Emphasis is laid on these items: Three baseball diamonds, a football field, two tennis courts, a couple of race tracks, some jumping pits, and three children's playgrounds, two of them for boys and one for girls.

Perhaps the old-fashioned features may be taken for granted. Presumably there will be at least a few trees and a gravel walk or two and an occasional rustic seat and a bit of green lawn not given to juvenile sports. There may even be a fountain and a flower bed. But it's perfectly plain that the grown-ups won't feel entirely at home in that park. They won't belong. About the only thing left for them to do will be to watch the youngsters playing games—and not the staid games once thought proper for public parks, but genuine athletic sports.

Nothing is more indicative of the change in our public attitude toward youth and childhood. It's literally "the age of the child." Society as a whole has "gone in for" children. Communities plan for them first of all, and spend huge sums of money on them. And it pays.

**WOMEN SHOPPERS**

It has often been said that the qualities the woman shopper seeks in the goods she buys are the superficial ones of appearance and cheapness. She has been accused of not caring particularly about the durability or practicalness of the article purchased.

A big department store undertook to find out for itself just what its women customers wanted to know about their purchases. So it tabulated the queries made concerning certain articles. The results were in favor of the women.

Of fifty women considering the purchase of a trunk, forty-six of them wished to be assured of the resistance quality of the lock. Size and space they could estimate for themselves, strength they asked about.

Of fifty women buying a certain kitchen utensil, forty-one were chiefly interested in the small glass top. Was it firmly in place so that it wouldn't always be falling off or getting broken?

Of fifty women who inquired about summer suits for children, all were most interested in the possibilities of washing well. Would the color run, would the goods shrink? Were the suits too frilly and plaited to be easily ironed?

Inexpensiveness is certainly a big attraction these days. But there are more factors than the price that enter to make the goods expensive or cheap. According to the statistics of that store, women shoppers are looking for those other factors. It's a good hint to manufacturers, advertisers and merchants.

**SHOULD EVERY MAN "DRILL"?**

Americans are inclined to shrink from "compulsory military service" as an assault upon democracy and an infringement upon personal liberty, nor will the substitution of the word "training" for "service", in the phrasing of the "Universal Military Training league" alone serve to overcome the objection.

The American people will accept compulsory military training if they become convinced that it is just and necessary.

The contention of its backers is that it is both. They maintain that the national defense is a thing the citizen's right to enjoy which is no greater than his duty to contribute to it.

Since no one will contend that national defense is unnecessary, and since every citizen expects his government to defend him in his rights as a citizen, they insist that every man owes the duty of submitting to sufficient training to lay a foundation upon which fitness for military service can readily be built if emergency demands.

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**THE TRIBUNE'S DAILY TRAVELETTE**  
(By Nikkah)

**KUM**  
The little-known city of Kum is one of the most picturesque spots in the Near East, and one of the few really interesting towns in modern Persia. It is reached by horse from Teheran, and the journey is still made in such primitive fashion that Kum is little visited by tourists in the best times, although the road, in many parts built over the grade of an old high-road of the days of Persia's glory, is good enough by the standards of the Near East.

The European visitor to Kum is likely to feel a certain veiled hostility in his reception, for the city is one of the holy places of the Mohammedan faith, hardly behind Mecca and Medina in this respect. A stream of pilgrims pours into Kum almost as large as the one that flocks continually to those other shrines; and even more than holier cities, Kum is sought by the faithful as a fitting and sacred spot for the burial of the dead. The country round about, the city itself, is strewn and dotted with tombs, from the humble mud mound of the common man to the elaborate shrine-topped mausoleums of princes and even kings. The dead are more numerous than the living in Kum, but the natives do not seem to be conscious of any funeral atmosphere.

Like most Persian cities of its size, Kum is built largely of mud, the dome-shaped earthen roofs of the poorer dwellings looming up oddly like the bee-hive mud ovens of Mexico and South America. In the midst of this gray-brown squalor, however, the dome of the great mosque with its two pairs of twin minarets rises light and graceful, the colored tiles with which it is covered lending it the iridescent glamour of a gigantic bubble at morning and evening. Round about the city is one of the richest bits of crop-land in Persia, green with fruit-trees and yellow with grain. Everywhere in the narrow streets you meet the little groups of pilgrims from far places, and the Mullahs, priests of the faith, who eye you gravely and askance.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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**NEWS NOTES & MOVIELAND**  
BY DAISY DEAN

A strong true girl's fight to save the man she loved from himself is portrayed in "The Ninety and Nine," soon to be released by Vitagraph and featuring William Courtenay and Lucille Lee Stewart.

Just as the one lost sheep was rescued after the "ninety and nine" had been safely brought to the fold; so this drink-sodden youth was saved from the depths and raised to his real place in society through the steadfast love of this girl. Her faith in him was repaid by his vindication and loyal love after he drove a runaway engine through a blazing forest fire, saving a town from destruction, and proving his manhood.

**Art**  
The quarrel about whether the movies are an art, or aren't, goes on. Meanwhile art is attacking movie directors like measles. Even the camera men do not escape. The portrait of one camera man in the movies, published this week shows him looking out from under his eyebrows in most emotional fashion, while he holds his chin with the other hand.

**Willie's In Now**  
Willie Howard is to be starred in a series of one-reel comedies before he starts on tour again with the Winter Garden "Show of Wonders." Brother Eugene will be in with him. The comedies will be built around Mr. Willie's impersonation, "The Yiddish Messenger Boy."

**His Present**  
William Russell Mutual star, expresses the firm conviction that young men should not accept presents from women whom they are not engaged to marry.

We accepted one from a girl admirer. It came in a box, and when he lifted the lid a jack-in-the-box popped out and hit him in the eye.

**Jack London**  
A Mutual news photographer got a series of pictures of Jack London a few days before his death. They show him driving a farm wagon, holding an armful of young pigs, and in other stunts on his farm in California.

sis had been appalled by its manifest shortcomings. The black mohair, held to the light, betrayed an unmistakable greenish tinge. The navy blue was long since out of style. As for the wine-colored henrietta, it had never been becoming. The material had been presented Persis by a customer who had unexpectedly gone into mourning, and she had made it up and worn it with much the emotion of an old-time penitent in his hair-cloth shirt. And yet in twenty-four hours the mohair had not become perceptibly greener nor was the blue more strikingly passed. It was Persis herself who had changed. As she stood before the mirror, fitting her own lining, she defended

her course as the wisest women will do, though when judge, jury and advocate are all one, the verdict is a foregone conclusion. She tightened the seam under her arm, used the scissors discreetly here and there, and continued to argue the point, though there was none who had a right to question or to criticize.

"It's bad policy for a dressmaker to go around shabby. It's like a doctor with an invalid wife and sickly children. And anyway, I haven't had anything new for over a year, unless I count that blue chambray wrapper. As little as I spend on clothes, I guess when I do want a new gown it's nobody's business."

(To Be Continued)

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## LONDON PACIFIST SMUGGLES PEACE PLEA TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A committee from New York arrived here early Saturday bringing a peace plea that was smuggled into the United States from Bertrand Russell, British pacifist in London. The plea will be presented to the president.

No one knows or will tell how the document escaped the British censor. All that is known of the trip of the letter urging President Wilson to stop the European war, is that an unnamed and unidentified young woman walked into the Astor hotel in New York and handed it to Hamilton Holt, presiding at a conference of the American Neutral Conference committee.

The plea of Russell, who recently was denied permission to come to America to lecture at Harvard, is in the form of an open letter to President Wilson and suggests that the president has "an opportunity of performing a signal service to man."

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## GREATER SECRECY HEREAFTER IN STATE AFFAIRS

Intimation Tips to Stock Market Caused Fluctuations Brings Resolve to the State Department

MAY WELCOME A PROBE

Resolution in House Would Find Whether Government Officials Profited in Fluctuations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Administration men Saturday said Secretary Lansing will welcome the investigation by which Representative Wood proposes to ascertain whether any high government officials or their relatives profited by the Wall street upset attendant upon Lansing's two interpretative statements Thursday and the Wilson peace note. The resolution, asking for investigation of conflicting interpretations placed upon the president's note to belligerent powers by the state department, and the consequent fluctuations of the market caused thereby, was introduced in the house Friday afternoon.

It was stated exceptional care will be taken hereafter to guard against possible leaks of advance information from Washington that might tend to cause price fluctuations.

Government men indicated they were admittedly concerned over the apparent fact that a tip as to the peace note Wednesday reached the street ahead of publication.

The information that the note had gone was given in the strictest confidence to newspaper men Wednesday morning. Shortly afterward, the news, in more or less definite form was in Wall street.

Because of this, the government is anxious to weed out any newspaper men or anyone posing as newspaper men, who may have been serving as "tipsters" for the street. It also realizes the utmost caution was not taken in making the confidential announcement.

Four men not in the newspaper business were in Secretary Lansing's conference room when he pledged the reporters to secrecy and gave them the information.

## ONE MAN DEAD IN AVALANCHE

CURRY, Col., Dec. 23.—One man was dead and ten others suffering from minor injuries Saturday as the result of an avalanche on the famous Yankee Girl slide, near this city Friday.

Paul Siebach, 17, was killed. The injured men were rescued by miners nearby, who saw the slide "run" and summoned assistance.

Stieber was driver of a wagon carrying a party to this city to celebrate Christmas. As the wagon crossed the danger zone under the Yankee Girl slide a mass of snow "ran" down the mountain side, engulfing them.

## HUGHES TO APPEAR BEFORE COURT WHERE HE ONCE WAS JUDGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles E. Hughes will appear soon as counsel before the court on which he once sat as judge.

Hughes will act as chief counsel for the Corn Products Refining company, it was announced, on an appeal to the United States supreme court from a state court decision ordering dissolution of the corporation.

**DEPORT GOPHER PRISONER**  
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 23.—The over-night Canadian casualty list includes the name of Private G. Thorp, Audobon, Minn., who is unofficially reported prisoner.



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## BERLIN JUBILANT IN DISCUSSION OF WILSON'S MESSAGE

Newspapers Subordinate War News and Discussion of Lloyd-George Speech to Peace Move

VOLKS-ZEITUNG IS WARY

Cologne Paper Voices the View President Probably Is Not Entirely Sincere in Action

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Keenest interest mixed with jubilation over the reviving prospects of peace, was aroused here by news of President Wilson's peace note. Newspapers subordinated the war news and lengthy speculation as to what the British premier meant in his speech of Tuesday, to the Washington endeavor.

The move came when editorial comment reflected the public view that peace was far off, in view of the Lloyd-George speech. The Tageblatt had aptly expressed the general belief in its editorial concluding "The abyss between Lloyd-George's standpoint and that which Germany has designated as her peace basis is very great."

**Volks-Zeitung Suspicious**  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The Cologne Volks-Zeitung views President Wilson's peace note with suspicion, according to dispatches received here Saturday.

"From our knowledge of President Wilson," the newspaper comments, "we can easily picture the kind of peace he wants. If he is sincere, he should simply make the entente assent to the German proposals and state their terms at a conference."

Other German newspapers expressed eagerness as to the outcome of the president's proposals.

The Berlin Allgemeine Zeitung declared "In view of the entente's statement and their recent declaration that neutral interference would be considered unfriendly, we await eagerly the entente's attitude on the Wilson note."

"Anyhow," observes the Vienna Ceu Friepress, "the note will cause the peace question to remain for a considerable time in the foreground. The entente powers will be compelled to discuss reasonable peace, the desire for which has thus been strengthened in entente countries."

## MINNESOTA GUARD KILLED IN FIGHT OVER A DOLLAR

LLANO GRANDE, Texas, Dec. 23.—Private John Matchetts of Virginia, Minn., was shot and killed Friday by James B. McAnsbie of Springfield, Mo., during a dispute over a dollar. Twenty thousand troops are hunting for McAnsbie. Both men are from Battery D, First Minnesota artillery.

Recipe for Happiness.  
"Happiness," said Uncle Eben, "is de ability to forget about de shower in admirin' de beauty of de rainbow."

## THE BIJOU HAS ARRANGED FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS TO BE SHOWN CHRISTMAS WEEK

SUNDAY AND CHRISTMAS DAY

## "THE RAINBOW PRINCES" With ANN PENNINGTON

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## CLINTON FAMILY TO HAVE RE-UNION AT PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Clinton, of this city, will have a family re-union next week when all their children and grandchildren will be home to spend Christmas with them.

Among them are their son, Henry, who is now holding a responsible position with the Litchfield Woolen Mills company and Fred, Jr., who for some time has been connected with one of the large wholesale houses of St. Paul and who is accompanied by his wife and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton are a very genial couple and noted for their hospitality. Their many children and grandchildren are assured of a good time while here and will live high as Mrs. Fred S. Clinton is noted for her famous spreads. This fact is emphasized by Fred's daily increasing proportions.

Mr. Clinton is assistant cashier of the Crawford County Bank.

## NORMAL SQUAD OF ORATORS CHOSEN

After a month's workout on the Philippine independence question, the eight normal school debaters staged a contest before Professors Sanford, Moore and Goff to determine upon the six men who will compose the interscholastic teams against Milwaukee and Plattville. The negative team arguing against the immediate independence to the Filipinos won a unanimous decision over the four man team working of the islanders' freedom. The negative team was composed of Dressendorfer and Mahoney of last year's squad and Baker and Prochnow, new men, while Wheaton of last year's team, Mannix, Kirkpatrick and Nelson talked for the affirmative. The judges decided that Kirkpatrick and Nelson would be the two men to be dropped, leaving the final squad composed of Wheaton, Dressendorfer, Mahoney, Prochnow, Baker and Mannix. No alternates are to be carried. The normal debates will not occur until March.

## TAFT PREDICTS U. S. MUST FIGHT IF WAR APPARATUS STILL GROWS

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23.—William Howard Taft, speaking for the League to Enforce Peace here on Wednesday, predicted that if the machinery of war continues to grow, the next conflict will find the United States a participant. "All nations, when the call falls upon the terrible panorama of strife and bloodshed on the European battlefields, will be looking to us," he said. "They will look to us to prevent a repetition of the terrible catastrophe that has shocked the world and all but prostrated nations. This places a trust upon us. It is a trust to help, if we can, the less fortunate brother."

"If the machinery of war continues to enlarge and grow more terrible, the next war, as President Woodrow Wilson has said, will be a war with no neutrals."

**Sawed-Off Sermon.**  
Some girls seem to have a great deal of music in them—and the neighbors are always sorry when any of it escapes.—Indianapolis Star.

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## "THE LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS"

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## "The Flight of the Duchess"

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A Cub Comedy.

## THE STAR

Saturday and Sunday

Carter de Haven in

## "Borrowed Plumes"

An episode of "Timothy Dobbs... That's Me."

Irene Hunt in

## "Thru Solid Walls"

A mystery in the house of a millionaire.

Vola Smith in

## For Her Mother's Sake

A story of supreme sacrifice.

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## The Plumber's Waterloo

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## J. Warren Kerrigan

In

## "The Beckoning Trail"

All who saw Mr. Kerrigan in "The Measure of a Man" will appreciate what this picture is when we say that it is said by all critics to be even superior to "The Measure of a Man."

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### CITY NEWS TICKER

#### Jury is Chosen

Jurymen who will serve during the term of circuit court commencing January 16 were drawn by the county jury commission on Friday. They are:

Alex Major, F. Bind, F. J. Mitchell, W. B. Spears, Jr., H. Luedke, C. J. Felber, George H. Clark, F. D. Branson, Otto Granke, A. H. Rans, W. W. Ruplin, George Bettin, A. C. Benette, R. A. Jackson, Charles Rossberg, Nels Thompson, Peter Mahlum, George Will, E. Meinert, Joseph Raith, Charles Storch, John F. Papenfuss, Paul Trapp and Frank Schmidt, La Crosse; Louis Briedel, Shelby; Mathew Elsen, Washington; E. L. Howe, city of Onalaska; Joseph E. Lank, Greenfield; W. F. Schilling, Onalaska; Frank Schams, Barre; Peter Gorder, city of Onalaska; Edward Young, Hamilton; Edwin Sprain, Barre; John Koerner, West Salem; Henry Tietz, Shelby; and H. D. Weiking, Hamilton.

**Mrs. Wright Holds Over**  
Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs. Cora B. Wright to the position of deputy clerk of circuit court was made on Friday by Judge Edward C. Higbee. Mrs. Wright has been appointed to the deputyship by clerk-elect Leonard Kleeber. Mr. Kleeber will succeed Frank Aiken during his two-year term.

**Alleged Beater Held**  
William Masters, a foreman in the employ of the La Crosse Stone company, was arraigned before Judge John Brindley Friday charged with

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## VIROQUANS ARE TO BURN MORTGAGE ON METHODIST CHURCH

VIROQUA, Wis.—(Special.)—On next Tuesday night, Viroqua Methodists will hold a celebration in the church at which time they will burn the church mortgage, the last debt having been cleared last week. The public is invited. A program will be rendered and refreshments served.

#### Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. William Silbaugh of Kickapoo, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A large gathering of children, relatives and neighbors were present.

#### Soldiers Guests

The Third Regimental band members and Mounted Orderlies were guests of the K. P. lodge at the K. P. club rooms Friday night.

#### S. of V. Organize

A Sons of Veterans camp has been organized at Viola with quite a large membership. Their camp will be named in honor of David B. Sommers, a veteran of Viola, who passed away a year ago.

#### Local and Personals

George Welch of this city, has received word of the death of an aged uncle, Daniel Whips, of Minneapolis, in his ninety-second year.

Mrs. John Doerr recently received the news that her brother, Alvin Moore, a former Vernon county man, had been elected state senator of South Dakota, in his district.

Rev. and Mrs. Smeby will entertain the Synod Aid at their home next Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Reynolds are here for a visit after several months spent in Canada.

Adolph Fortney of Chicago, is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Torger Fortney.

Mrs. George Hall received a telegram from Chicago Thursday conveying the news of the death of a brother's wife, Mrs. DeLap.

Mr. Cheever Fisher of Hartford, Wis., is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher. Miss Elida Casperson of Menasha will arrive Monday for a visit with her brother, Ira Casperson, of this city.

Mrs. G. N. Hauge has returned to this city after a visit with her daughter in Dane county.

Mrs. W. E. Butt and son, Cyrus, went to Hillsboro where they will spend two weeks with the Waggoner and Wardon families.

Mrs. E. A. Wiggenton, who has been ill for several days is improving.

Mrs. Jerry Simpson will go to De Soto the first part of the week for a visit with friends and relatives.

Most of the teachers in the local schools left Friday for their respective homes to spend the Yuletide season. Many students are arriving home for the holidays.

There will be a big Christmas dance at the Running hall Monday evening by Cy's orchestra.

Logan Fowell of Judith Gap, Montana, spent a few days in the city guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowell.

Miss Lena Peterson visited friends at Westby Friday.

### North Side Briefs

O'Neil Shoe Store. Come! ! ! ! Harold Barron, Red Wing, Minn., is renewing La Crosse acquaintances.

Eldor Walden, who has been renewing North La Crosse acquaintances, has left for Madison.

Mrs. Ole Simonsen, who has been ill at the Lutheran hospital, has been removed to her home, 1526 Kane street.

Christmas tree lights. A. O. Colby, Avilla Melbo, Bangor, is visiting north side friends.

Joseph A. Davidson, Minneapolis, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. B. Haraldson, 1602 Charles street.

Morgan Berg has returned to Westby after renewing north side acquaintances.

Miss Minnie Knight, Washburn, Wis., is spending Christmas at her home, 2132 Wood street.

Otto Albrecht has arrived from an extended visit in the west to spend the holidays at his home, 1912 Berlin street.

Mrs. George Hansen, Fountain City, has arrived and will move her household goods to 1426 Gillatte street.

E. L. Gulstad, Westby, was a north side caller Friday.

Conrad Ormson, New Lisbon, renewed north La Crosse acquaintances Friday.

#### FIRE APPARATUS FROZEN IN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Steam jets were used Friday afternoon to free fire apparatus from its ice casings when the department was called from the ruins of the Atlantic Tea Co. building after fighting flames for more than twelve hours. Loss to the tea company building and stock and adjoining building was estimated at \$385,000.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement, the death of our husband and father. Especially do we wish to thank Rev. J. Gamm, the pall bearers, the Brewery Local No. 85 and all who sent floral offerings.

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#### NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS

You are hereby notified that the Claims Committee of the County Board will meet Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1916. Your bills must be on file in my office not later than Saturday night, Dec. 23.

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On my display of Christmas goods in my show windows. Every article is marked in plain figures, and I've marked them low. Kindly look them over, you might see just what you want.

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### GAYNOR'S WIDOW A CONCERT SINGER



Mrs. William J. Gaynor.

Mrs. William J. Gaynor of New York, widow of Mayor Gaynor, is shortly to make her debut as a professional concert singer. She has a dramatic soprano voice, which has been highly trained, and her friends say she is well fitted for a professional career. Mrs. Gaynor is the mother of seven children, and in addition to her home she has an independent income of \$3,000 a year from her husband's estate.

### PERSONALS

Yeomen dance Christmas night and Tuesday.

A. C. Wolfe has returned from a business trip to Prairie du Chien.

Electrical fixtures. A. O. Colby.

Mrs. J. G. Rosholt, mother of Dr. Jens Rosholt of this city, and her daughter, Miss Mabel Rosholt, returned Friday to their home as Rosholt, Wis. Miss Rosholt has recovered from an appendicitis operation performed at a local hospital.

Art leather for fancy work, at Langdon's.

Percy D. Bentley, Minneapolis, formerly of this city, is in La Crosse to spend Christmas with friends.

Moccasins make fine Christmas gifts. Langdon's.

H. A. Sullivan, Genoa, Wis., spent Friday at a local hotel while transacting business and visiting friends.

Electrical gifts. A. O. Colby.

A. Margaret Childstrom, Mabel, Minn., was a visitor in La Crosse Friday.

Hack calls promptly attended to City Transfer Co. Phone 179.

Charles Knudson was a business visitor here Friday from West Salem.

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Josephine Grinde and William Sommen, Rhinelander, Wis., spent Friday in La Crosse the guests of friends.

Christmas tree lights. A. O. Colby.

Miss Doris Keegan, Chicago, is spending the holidays with her grandfather, Michael Kratchwill, 118 South Tenth street.

Dr. P. A. Douglas, specialist, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, associated with Dr. E. R. Mulford, 323 Main St.

Miss Esther I. Marion, Wausau, is spending the holidays at her home, 1001 Rose street.

Fred Paulson, Hustler, Wis., is renewing La Crosse acquaintances.

#### Uncle Eben.

"Happiness," said Uncle Eben, "is what 'most everybody thinks he'd be in joy!' if he had somebody else's chance at it."

## A Seasonable Medicine

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## TAYLOR'S BODY IS BROUGHT TO M'GREGOR HOME

M'GREGOR, Iowa.—(Special.)—The remains of Harvey Taylor, who was killed at Green Island were brought here yesterday and today taken to Blue River, Wis., for burial. Mr. Taylor was a brakeman in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company. While engaged with the train crew in switching in the yards at Green Island he was caught between an engine and a string of cars and crushed to death. He is one of three sons of Mrs. Guy Balliett of McGregor. The mother is almost prostrated over his tragic death.

#### Oldest Iowan Dead

In the death of Mrs. Louise Eastman Klotzbach at McGregor it is believed Iowa has lost its oldest resident. She had lived in this township for nearly seventy-nine years, when she came here with her parents only four years after the first land in Iowa has been opened to settlement, she was a baby of less than two years. Her mother, her mother's sister and a daughter were the only white women in Clayton county at the time and there were but few in the other river counties where the first settlements were made.

Mrs. Klotzbach was the mother of ten children. Six are living and twenty-two grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. She was buried in the family cemetery in a corner of the old farm on Summit hill.

#### To Give Baskets

The board of associated charities of the McGregor churches will send Christmas baskets to all needy families this year following their usual custom and in some cases loads of fuel also will be sent. The board has been in operation for five years and has done splendid service. It is composed of representatives from all the churches. The members are as follows: Mrs. Minerva Sloane, Miss Elizabeth Bell, Mrs. L. C. Farnum, Mrs. T. J. Sullivan, Miss Eva Jordan, Mrs. W. H. C. Elwell, Dr. W. H. Thomas and J. Phillips.

**Community Christmas Tree**  
The Community Christmas tree thirty feet in height has been set up in Triangle park on lower Main street. It will be decorated with strings of colored electric light and crowned with an electric lighted star made in the manual training department. At four o'clock Saturday afternoon the combined church choirs assisted by a chorus of school children will sing Christmas carols at the tree and the band will play several selections. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive in a decorated automobile and distribute several hundred gifts to the children.

The tree will be lighted each night until New Year's.

## SOCIETY

#### EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

The members of the Employers' Mutual Benefit association of the Marinello company will this evening enjoy their annual Christmas party with the consciousness of a good deed done, and there are in La Crosse six families who are well provided with Christmas cheer as a result of the association having adopted the role of Santa Claus for their benefit. Baskets containing all the necessities, as well as the luxuries, of a Christmas dinner have been sent to these families, and accompanying the baskets are toys for the children and warm underclothing for every member of the family.

The Christmas party of the E. M. B. A. will be held in the Marinello building, which is being decorated for the occasion in true holiday fashion. There will also be a large, beautifully ornamented Christmas tree. All members of the company, as well as of the E. M. B. A., will participate in this event.

#### SYLVESTER BALL TO BE HELD NEW YEAR'S EVE

Despite the fact that New Year's Eve falls on Sunday, the Sylvester ball, the annual classic of Deutsch-er Verein, will be held at Germania hall on Sylvester Eve, thus conforming to the custom of the society for many years past. Committees are busily at work on arrangements for the ball which is always the high light of the society's social season.

#### W. B. U. NOTES

An interesting program was enjoyed by the students of the W. B. U. Friday afternoon, the opening feature of which was an address by Carleton Hornung, president of the red division of the W. B. U. club, followed by a piano duet by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rawstron, and this in turn by an address by the president of the blue division, Ralph Stiel. Then came a vocal selection by Mr. James R. Kerr and a violin number by Leigh Toland, after which came the crowning feature when the teachers, one at a time, were summoned to the front of the room and presented with humorous gifts in direct relation to the recipient's special hobby or fad. Later, however, all were recalled and presented with a bona fide gift. The girls of the school were given carnations and ferns by Mr. Toland.

John W. Parker, a member of the W. B. U. staff, will attend the annual convention of commercial teachers in Chicago during holiday week.

#### CLUB ENTERTAINED

The members of the Poinsettia club were guests of Miss Clara Klammer, 2503 South Thirtieth street, at a children's party Thursday evening. Games and a candy pull featured the evening's entertainment, and a dainty luncheon was served. Those present included the Misses Marie Keim, Minnie Franzman, Sarah Scherrer, Laura Olson, Lillian Westphal, Pau-



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line Keim, Dorothy Morris, Minnie Bruring, Anna Scherrer, Elizabeth Damm of Chicago, and Edith Meyers of Minneapolis.

#### CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The primary department of the Caledonia Street Methodist Sunday school had their Christmas tree and exercises at the church parlor this afternoon, with Miss Gladys Johnson in charge of arrangements. Friday afternoon the main body of the school enjoyed their Christmas festivities at the church.

#### TO WED AT BANGOR

Mr. Arthur Bakkum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Bakkum, 343 South Twenty-second street, will be united in marriage tonight to Miss Edna Stavio, of Bangor. The ceremony will take place at eight o'clock at the Lutheran church near Bangor, of which the bride is a member.

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Monday afternoon at half-past three a Christmas festival will be held in the Norwegian Evangelical church, corner of Fifteenth and Winnebago streets. An excellent program has been arranged and all are cordially invited. Mr. Wulffstedt of North Dakota will preside at the meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies' Aid society of the English Lutheran church will hold a business meeting at the church parlors on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 27th.

Mrs. D. Jehlen will entertain the members of the Women's Missionary society of the St. John's Reformed church at her home, 1029 Cameron avenue, at three o'clock Thursday afternoon.

A feature of the meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Charles Street Lutheran church on Wednesday afternoon of next week will be a talk by Rev. J. Nordby on his travels in the Holy Land. The meeting will be held in the parlors of the church.

The cabinet of the Epworth league of the First German Methodist church will meet with the newly elected officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Zeratzky, 921 South Fifth street, Friday evening.

The Mothers' circle of the First Presbyterian church will meet in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday the members of the Dorcas society will meet in the parlors.

Mrs. A. Gunderson will be hostess to the members of the Ladies' Aid

### E. J. OLSON SERVES AS A JUDGE IN BIG CHICAGO "DUD" SHOW

Ewald Olson, who manages the affairs of the F. W. Kruse cloak store here, is not only recognized as a good judge of clothing by his patrons, but he has that gratifying distinction of recognition among his fellow-members of the trade, according to a note received on Friday from the Chicago Designers' association. There was a competitive garment show at a banquet held by the association at the La Salle hotel on December 16, and who should be among the judges but "Ole"? It is related that everybody was well satisfied by the prize award made by "Ole" and his brother Judges.

### MUSICAL SERVICE AT NORTH PRESBYTERIAN

The annual musical Christmas service of the North Presbyterian church will be given at 7:45 Sunday evening at the church, Logan and Avon streets. The regular choir and a junior chorus will sing, and solos will be given by Dorothy Alteman and Herbert Hanson. Orrin Nelson and Rolf Rynning will sing duets.

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## British Monarch Openly Sanctions "War For Rights"

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Proroguing parliament Friday until February 7, King George added the weight of his words to the allies' stern rejection of a German-made peace.

"The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor," he declared, "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

He thanked the house of commons for its "unstinted liberality" in providing funds to cover the burdens of the war.

"In this sacred cause," the king declared, "I am assured of the united support of all my peoples. I pray God may give us His blessing."

"My government," the king continued, after summarizing the nation's aims in the war, "was reconstructed with the sole object of furthering those aims unaltered and unimpaired."

"I am confident," the king's address continued, "that however long the struggle may be, my army and my navy, with those of my faithful allies, aided by subjects throughout the empire, will achieve victorious consummation of the aims for which I entered the war."

## SAY ROADS MUST CUT OPERATIONS IF MINERS REST

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 23.—All railroads west of Chicago face the possibility of being forced to cease or at least curtail operations, if coal miners take their annual lay-off during the holiday season, a high official of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad stated Saturday afternoon.

The railroads have but a few days' supply of coal and the cutting off of further supply would force an almost complete cessation of operations about Tuesday or Wednesday, this official stated.

The miners' strike in October and November lasted about six weeks and "ate up" the usual supply stored by the railroads to meet the conditions usually arising during the holidays.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 23.—Railroad trunk lines running through Des Moines may have to curtail service very early because of coal shortage if miners take the two and one-half day holiday they generally enjoy Christmas. The Rock Island already has been forced to annul some freight trains and in some instances has commandeered coal.

## EXPECT NO PEACE REPLIES UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Government officials believed Saturday it will be after Christmas before peace answers are framed by European powers.

This was purely an opinion. The state department was without definite information as to when it might expect the allies answer to the German peace proffers, or to President Wilson's note.

## KRESTEN LARSON BURIED FRIDAY

Funeral services for Kresten Larson, who died at his home, 802 Avon street, Thursday afternoon at the age of 83, were held at 1:30 Friday afternoon from the chapel of Tetley, Sletten and Dahl, and from 2 o'clock from the Norwegian Lutheran church, corner of 5th and Charles streets. Rev. E. C. Vik, the pastor officiated. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Larson is survived by a widow and one aunt, Mrs. Christina Sorum, of La Crosse.

## COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING

Who are the officers of the Universal Military Training league? When and where was it organized? How many such workers as Mr. Friedman does it now, or does it expect to employ? Who furnishes the money that pays this and the other able accompaniments of modern militarism? It is a safe bet that it is not paid by union labor, the churches, the government, the farmers, or the common people. It is almost as safe a bet that it is paid by the same class of men who contributed the major portion of the republican national campaign fund this fall.

If the promoters of this propaganda wish to educate all the young men of the nation to be satisfied with the rule of the aristocracy it is not a good thing for humanity and civilization. If they wish to teach them obedience, docility and fear of masters, it is not a good thing for a free people. If it is desired to teach them physical culture, hygiene, civil government or any of the desirable accompaniments of modern militarism it should be done with the undesirable part left out. If it is to be done to defend against an imaginary enemy separated from us by three thousand miles of ocean it is foolish. No war expedition ever did nor ever will succeed handicapped by such transportation necessities. If such military force is to be built to overawe American laboring men it is criminal and cowardly and will not succeed, except probably to excite bloody revolution and the downfall of this republic.

A CITIZEN.

## Son of Milwaukee Policeman Becomes A Peer of England

If Frank R. Hartwell, ticket agent of the Milwaukee railroad in this city, ever happens to run across the pond, he's likely to be entertained in the very highest social circles. Why? Because he's a good friend of Baron Shaughnessy of Montreal and Ashford, County Limerick, Ireland. It's an imposing title, but it doesn't scare off any of the old friends who knew Baron Shaughnessy when he was a "broth av a bh'y" in Milwaukee's old Third ward, youngest member of Milwaukee's city council, and scrappy storekeeper of the Milwaukee road.

Baron Shaughnessy of Montreal, etc., is the son of a policeman in Milwaukee. He entered the service of the Milwaukee railroad at 16, and at 21 was an alderman. In 1862, when William Van Horne left the C. M. & St. P. and went to the Canadian Pacific, he took Mr. Shaughnessy along with him. Van Horne became president of the C. P., and Shaughnessy became vice-president. Van Horne became Sir William, and when Shaughnessy succeeded to the presidency at his chief's death, he also got in line for a title.

Now the papers say that Baron Shaughnessy of Montreal and Ashford is going back to the Ireland his father came from, as a member of the house of lords.

It is of interest that Sir William Van Horne, Baron Shaughnessy's predecessor, was well-known in La Crosse. Before he went to Canada, he lived in this city, and was prominently identified with the building of the Southern Minnesota railroad.

## PHILIPP SENDS YULE MESSAGE TO BADGER GUARDS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 23.—Governor E. L. Philipp on Saturday sent a cheering Christmas message to the Badger soldiers along the border.

"The people of Wisconsin highly appreciate the soldierly qualities of the men of our state who are serving their country upon the Mexican frontier," he wrote. "We think of them often. I wish them all a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year."

## MAIL CONGESTION BEFORE YULETIDE

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An unprecedented flood of Christmas mail, exceeding last year's by 20 per cent, according to estimates, was piled up in railway stations here Saturday. With 250 auto trucks and 1,000 extra clerks and every available substitute carrier working at top speed, thousands of sacks were piled up a day and a half behind schedule.

Storms delayed practically all the trains due here, adding to the confusion. Mail arriving later than 7 a. m. might not be delivered until Tuesday or Wednesday, officials said.

## CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—With Christmas two days off, this city Saturday experienced the worst mail and express congestion in its history. Much Christmas mail will be one and two days late, said officials. Friday's storm, delaying mail trains often twelve hours, contributed.

## MAYOR BUYS COAL FOR THE NEEDY

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 23.—Mayor John Macfarland Saturday bought outright from a large private corporation two carloads of coal in order to supply empty bins in the homes of rich and poor who alike are unable to obtain a supply due to the famine. Prevented by court injunctions from confiscating more coal on the ground of public necessity, the mayor was forced to take the step. Coal dealers who promised to aid the city and the organized charities to supply cold homes were running far behind orders.

## RUMANIA APPEALS TO JAPAN FOR AID

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—(By Mail.)—Rumania, over-ridden by Teuton troops, has turned to Japan for help in her time of need. An urgent appeal from the little country for munitions has just reached here with the arrival of Lieut. Col. C. Felix and Colonel Petresco, of the Rumanian army.

It is doubtful if Japan will be able to extend any aid, as all of her surplus munitions are being purchased by Russia.

## HONEST-TO-GOODNESS BLIZZARDS TO USHER IN CHRISTMAS EVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Old Santa—true to form—will be ushered in on Christmas eve on the very bosom of the elements.

Rip-roaring snowstorms and high winds are the promising outlook for the greater part of the United States, according to the government weather man Saturday.

"Bad weather generally throughout the country," was the announcement.

The south, however, will spend a rainy Christmas, as will the Pacific states.

A heroic wife is one who back but refuses to do it.

## RECORD CRUSH OF CHRISTMAS MAILS SWAMPS SERVICE

Demand on Postoffice Department One-fourth Greater Than Ever Before

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Millions of pounds of mail were inundating the postoffice department all over the United States Saturday—a part of the biggest job by 25 per cent that the Christmas season ever has brought postmasters. Every post-office in the country has been hit by the deluge. A hundred telegrams a day to the department have told of record mails and record obstacles to their delivery in every big town between New York and San Francisco.

Struggling through blizzards, mail trains are making their way across the country anywhere from 12 to 48 hours late. Hundreds of tons of Christmas presents are lying at railroad stations because cars cannot be procured for them.

Postmaster General Barleson ordered railroads to impress fast freight cars into service in an effort to catch up with the biggest volume of mail Mr. and Mrs. America have ever trusted to Santa Claus.

At the same time mail superintendents at all stations were ordered to employ mail handlers wherever they could be found, and to send the bills to the railroads, bound by contract to handle the mail and unable to get labor to do it.

Postoffice officials refused to make any estimate of the volume of mail. Chicago handled 2,150 tons—4,300,000 pounds—in three days this week.

One Chicago mail order house used 16,000 mail sacks and paid \$26,000 postage in one day.

Last year's mail made a record. This year's already has exceeded last year's by 25 per cent.

Trains west of Buffalo are delayed anywhere from 12 to 24 hours, with prospects of being 48 hours late when they pass St. Louis—which, with Chicago, is the worst point as regards delay.

Already crushed under the sheer volume of mail, the postoffice department has run square up against the car shortage.

Demands on railroads for equipment have prevented delivery of mail cars. This shortage caused the order to use freight cars for mails. Railroads complain they cannot get switchmen and yardmen to handle the cars.

## G. O. P. PUBLICITY BODY ASSAILS WILSON FOR NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Republican Publicity Association through its president, Jonathan Bourne, bitterly attacked Secretary Lansing Saturday for what it termed his "clumsy and ill-considered utterances" regarding President Wilson's peace note to Europe.

"Mr. Lansing may be acquitted of any attention of wreaking the havoc he has wrought, but surely he should have had enough sense to have measured the effect his words would have," Bourne declared.

"Statements which require explanations or retractions within twenty-four hours cannot inspire confidence at home or respect abroad."

## FEAR HELD FOR LINER VOLTAIRE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The terrific storms of recent days have caused apprehension as to the fate of the liner Voltaire. Officials of the Lamport & Holt company denied reports that the company feared the vessel had succumbed to a submarine attack, and belief was expressed that she may yet arrive in port.

The Voltaire is two weeks overdue from Liverpool. She was enroute to New York in ballast and carried only her crew of 140 men.

## DE FACTO PUT UP WEAK RESISTANCE BEFORE VILLISTAS

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Command of the Villistas at Torreon while others say he remained at Jimenez directing operations, holding the railway line with a reserve force.

Between Ortiz, south of Chihuahua City and Torreon, Villa is in control of nearly two hundred miles of the National railway lines and occupying the towns of Santa Rosalia, Mapimi, Parral, and Jimenez.

Many American Industries

Industries at Torreon owned by Americans are the soap factory owned by John Brittingham; three large cotton mills by Mississippi capitalists; a bank by R. L. Bennett; the Continental Rubber factory, by Ohioans; a foundry run by Chicago interests; and the Pearson interests have large lumber mills.

After driving a horse and coach more than 100 miles, a refugee from southern Chihuahua reached here Saturday.

"As I reached Santa Rosalia on the 12th, Villa had just taken possession," he told the authorities. "The Villistas caught the garrison on a train and slaughtered every one of 300 men. Dead bodies were still lying on the streets and along the roads. Salazar took command of the bandit forces in the town as Villa moved upon Jimenez. Villa told the townspeople he would take Torreon and then return to Chihuahua City to get Murguia.

General Murguia, commanding the garrison at Chihuahua City is making all preparations for another siege. The town is full of government troops, according to advices reaching here today and Carranza officials do not believe the Villistas can take the northern capital this time.

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## BADGER GUARDS TO HAVE PRESUMING YULETIDE PROGRAM

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Nearly 100,000 national guardsmen and several thousand regulars will spend Christmas maintaining "peace on earth" in the vicinity of the Mexican border.

For thousands of militiamen scattered from Brownsville to Nogales, this will be their first Christmas away from their own firesides. The pall of resultant gloom hovering over their camps will be alleviated, however, by a real Christmas feed and the opening of Christmas boxes from relatives, friends and strangers who are interested in their welfare.

Each unit will stage its own Christmas entertainment.

Probably the most pretentious celebration will be that of the Wisconsin brigade. The various regiments have obtained a forty-foot cedar tree, which will be erected on its grounds at Camp Wilson, illuminated with electric lights and laden with gifts received by the soldiers.

Two regimental bands will be combined and a special chorus of 100 voices will sing carols. Divine services will be conducted by Chaplain Gustav Stearns.

## MRS. IVA BARNES FREED OF CHARGE OF KILLING MATE

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Iva Barnes was acquitted Friday of a charge of murdering her husband. She announced Saturday she would become a nurse. She is the eighth woman in four years to be acquitted of murder charges by Cook county juries. Nine of these were charged with killing their husbands.

## CAPITOL DOORKEEPER DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The passing of the old regime at the capitol was marked here Saturday by the death of Frank Jones, for forty-three years doorkeeper of the United States senate.

Jones has seen twenty-one congresses pass, had watched from his humble post at the senate portals a succession of national crises, marked by impassioned oratory, vanish into history.

"Frank" was born in Rockport, Ind.

## JANESVILLE PASTOR DEAD

JANESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Rev. Francis H. Bricham, pastor of the Methodist church here, died Saturday morning.

Funeral services will be held in Appleton Tuesday, where Rev. Bricham formerly attended Lawrence college.

## DENY VENIZELISTS HAVE BEEN SHOT

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Greek government on Saturday denied that Venizelists have been shot in prison. Athens dispatches stated.

Between December 1 and December 20, 268 Venizelists were arrested. It was stated, but of this number 91 were released. The others are detained for examination.

## PHOTO OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE OR CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## Solving of a Santa Mystery Fatal to Tot

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—Albert Di Philipp was only four years old and he did not understand that old Santa Claus descends only those chimneys that do not contain fire.

For three weeks his little mind had been troubled over the problem of how the fat, jolly St. Nick could come down such a small aperture as that connected with the kitchen stove in his home.

Albert thought it wouldn't do any harm to take just one peek Saturday afternoon. His mother on the second floor, heard screams of agony and found Albert a human torch, writhing on the floor. He had stepped too close to the fire. The blazing garments she ripped off, but it was too late. A white coated doctor at the hospital told the mother Albert would pass before long into a place where it is always Christmas.

The little drum and sword Santa had brought for Albert will be placed under the tiny, candle-lit tree anyhow.

## FIVE NOW KNOWN DEAD IN BURNING OF MASONIC HOME

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 23.—Five inmates of the three hundred thousand dollar Kansas Masonic home which burned here Friday morning, were known to be dead Saturday. A score or more others are injured, but it is not believed seriously.

It has been impossible to identify any of the bodies which have been recovered, so badly were they burned. Only by checking up on the ones who escaped, can officials identify them. One of the bodies is supposed to be that of Miss Gertrude Weigle, 22-year-old waitress, who was to have been married on Christmas day. Miss Weigle escaped from the fire, but remembering that she had left her wedding dress in her room, rushed into the burning building after it. She is believed to have been trapped in her room.

## AMERICAN VESSEL REPORTED BADLY INJURED BY MINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The American steamer Kansas struck a mine and her bow was badly damaged according to a Lloyd's report transmitted to the state department. It gave no date nor place. The same message told of the sinking of three British and two Norwegian ships.

## JAPAN HIT BY HICOSTALIVING

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—(By Mail.)—The high cost of living has invaded Japan—a country long famed for feeding and clothing its people on a mere pittance.

Estimates made by economists were that prices of all kinds of goods had made increases on an average of 20 per cent. Staple commodities, daily necessities which the people demand, are included in the general boost. The rise in the market price of rice was not unexpected at this time of the year, but agitators against the new order of things point out that sugar has increased nearly 20 per cent; salmon 50 to 100 per cent; grain and canned goods 10 to 20 per cent and fuel 20 per cent. The cost of wearing apparel has also risen.

The war is declared by economists to be the cause of the increase. As Japanese industry is fully engaged and workmen's wages have risen, the high prices have not the disastrous effect they would work in normal times.

As a trouble maker a jealous woman isn't in it with a jealous man.

## DEATH RELEASES INVALID SHUT IN FOR TWO DECADES

Death ended twenty-three years of bedridden existence for Mrs. Catherine Rebhahn, an old resident of La Crosse, Friday afternoon. Mrs. Rebhahn had been a resident of St. Francis hospital for eighteen years before her death. In spite of her long illness and great age—Mrs. Rebhahn was nearly 87—she maintained her cheerfulness and optimism to within a few days of her death.

Next Tuesday, her eighty-seventh birthday had she lived, will see the aged woman's funeral. Services will be conducted in the hospital chapel at 8 o'clock, by Father Wirtz.

Mrs. Rebhahn was a native of Germany. She is survived by three sons and five daughters. Three of the daughters are members of the Franciscan community at St. Rose convent—Sisters Ferdinand, Alberta and Cordella. The other daughters are Mrs. Martin Zeller, Holt, Mont.; and Mrs. M. Gass, Beach N. D. Adolf and Peter Rebhahn, Seattle, and Fred Rebhahn, Mapleton, N. D. are the sons who mourn Mrs. Rebhahn's death.

## CAST-UP BOTTLE CARRIES REQUEST FOR AID TO SHIP

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—A bottle tossed up on shore by the terrific surf Saturday contained a message asking for aid for the Belgian motor ship Emanuel Noble, anchored off Sable Island.

The marine and fisheries department sent the steamer Arammore to her assistance, but the surf is so heavy that the motor ship cannot be communicated with from the shore and it is feared that if the wind shifts from northwest to east she may break up on the rocky shore before help reaches her.

The Emanuel Noble is a 3,048 ton motor ship registered at Brussels and is from Europe via Newfoundland.

## WELCH SELLS TO VAN METER AND PURCHASES SHEET

Frank M. Welch has disposed of his share in the New Richmond Voice to his partner, F. A. R. Van Meter, and has purchased the Stillwater Messenger. Mr. Welch was formerly city editor of the Leader-Press. Mr. Van Meter being a former city editor of the Morning Chronicle.

## VAN HISE TO PRESIDE AT SCIENTISTS' MEET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The science of everything, from sawing wood to stellar statesmanship, will be rounded up and gone over in detail by ten thousand of the world's leading scientists who will arrive here Monday for the sixty-ninth meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which convenes Tuesday. President Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, will preside. Twenty-seven different societies will participate.

## Fire Starts Just As Audience is Out of Theater

Just as the last straggler left the Star theater, near the corner, of Third and Main streets at 4:30 Friday afternoon fire was discovered in the basement of the building. The interior of the theater is small and kept dark during the performance. It is believed a panic would have occurred should the fire have started while the theater was occupied by an audience. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace. Little damage was done.



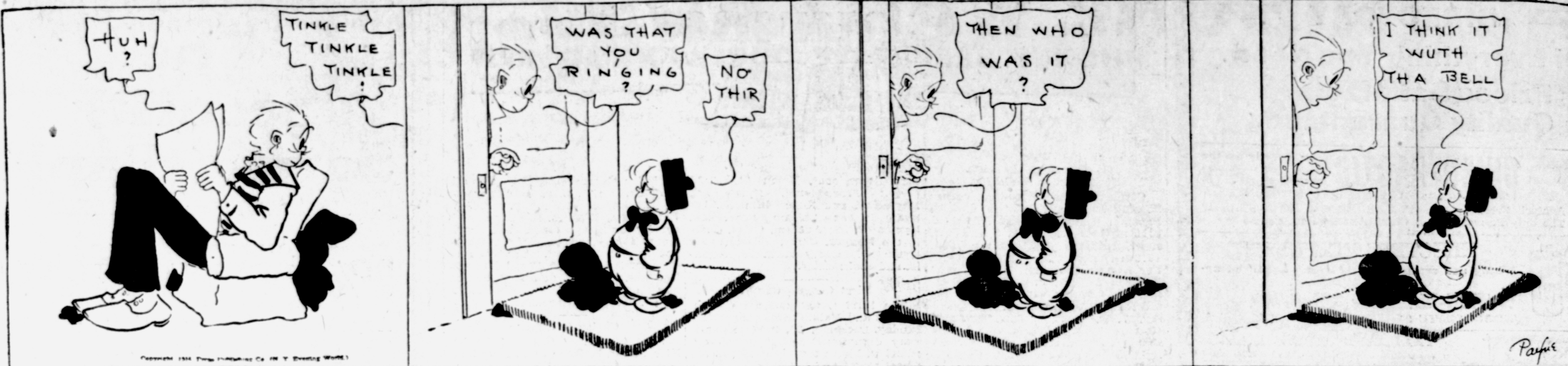




## 'SMATTER, POP?'

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## PETEY DINK—And the Same to the Dinks

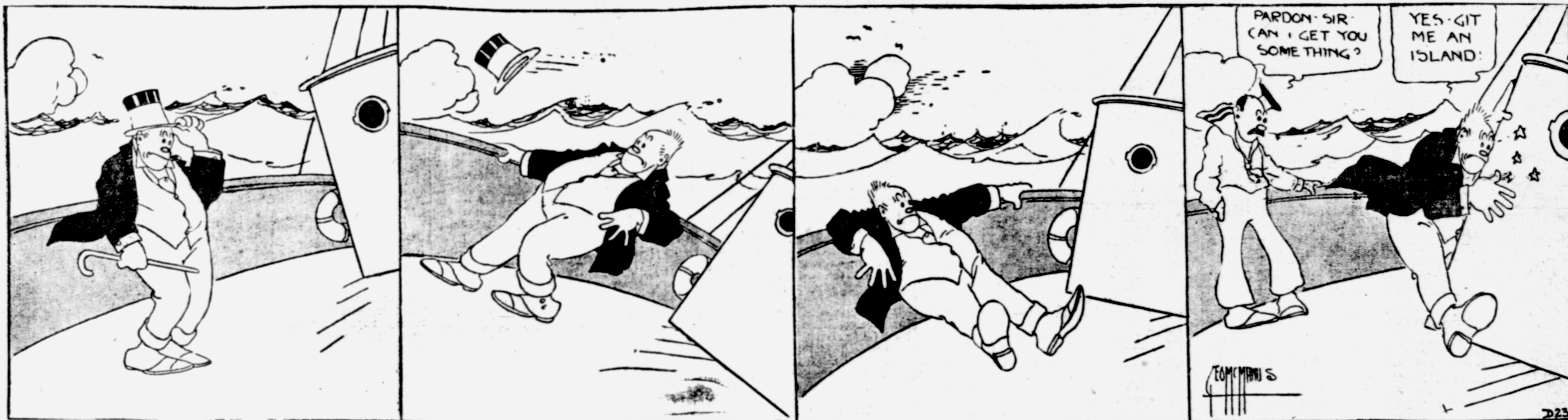
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## THE HASKIN LETTER

## About Christmas

By Frederic J. Haskin

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23. Celebrating the twenty-fifth of December is a habit of more than twenty centuries' standing. It is a remnant of that good nature of our early ancestors, which has largely disappeared to a great extent with the irritating problems of civilization. All the rest of the year we fight and grab things away from each other and wear our nerves to a frazzle, but at Christmas we close our commercial exchanges, eat tremendous quantities of food and send presents and postal cards to our friends and relatives, bearing our good wishes. At least, this is what we are supposed to do. Many people do a great deal more in the way of community Christmas trees, visits to the hospitals and baskets for the poor, and still others regard the whole thing as absurd and consider abstinence from Christmas gifts a sign of strength of character.

Long before the birth of Christ,

celebrated the twenty-fifth of December, which marked the winter solstice of the return of the sun in the heavens after conquering the powers of darkness. At that time, he it understood, we were sun-worshippers. The problem of the universe was just beginning to puzzle us, and we figured it out in a straightforward manner that was not half bad for supposed savages. All plant life, it was observed depended on the sun for its existence, and all animal life depended on plant life, so that the power of the sun was greatly respected and it was personified in the person of the god Thor. Thor was watched with considerable interest, since there was always some doubt as to whether he would survive the winter solstice. Hence the feasting and merrymaking when he continued to shine clear and strong in the heavens.

Besides Thor, however, there were numerous gods who lived in the branches of trees. Therefore, the people gathered mistletoe boughs and holly branches and put them in conspicuous positions in their houses, where they might easily be seen from the outside, in the hope that some wandering god would take a fancy to them and take up his residence among the holly berries. In Germany the early Huns chopped down evergreens and brought them

indoors for the same purpose. The burning of the Yule log and the term Yuletide are survivals of these early December festivals whose influence is still to be seen today in our own Christmas celebrations. Yule means sun.

With the dawn of Christianity and the conversion of the sun-worshippers, the birth of Christ was substituted as the cause for celebration and the festivities became religious demonstrations. The people still gormanized, trimmed their houses with holly branches and gave presents, but the twenty-fifth of December usually saw them comfortably seated in church.

So Christmas has come down to us with all the traditions of our ancestors. The German Santa Claus legend has improved it considerably for the children, and it is now known almost entirely as the children's season, but this is more or less of a delusion.

Christmas carols and hymns. In Baltimore last year groups of men and boys carrying holly-trimmed lanterns walked through the streets singing and greeting each pedestrian with "Merry Christmas!"

This community celebration has done more to arouse the Christmas spirit than anything else, so far as responsibility for others is concerned. Most charitable organizations purposely pay no attention to Christmas in order to let people see that their work is for the whole year rather than for a few days in the year. Therefore, it was something of a surprise last Christmas when the charitable committees of Buffalo collected special donations and played Santa

Claus to over 1,600 children, distributing baskets of food, clothes and toys amounting to more than \$2,500. After it was over, there was some uneasiness as to whether the regular contributions for the year's work would be forthcoming, but the people who gave Christmas baskets sent in their subscription checks as usual.

This year Americans are sending many Christmas presents to Europe, but numerous committees and individuals are now assembling their resources for Christmas expeditions into the tenements of our own country. The wave of prosperity that has sent the price of milk and bread up has made life on \$6 a week precarious and Christmas dinners impossible. In its infant mortality investigations in Manchester not long ago, the United States' Children's Bureau discovered that 13 per cent of the fathers of babies born within a certain period of twelve months made only \$450 a year. It is to the homes of wage-earners such as these that the Christmas basket needs to be taken.

While every year there is an increasing number of persons who decide to "be sensible," and send engraved cards in the place of Christmas presents, the average person lacks the courage to face his family empty-handed on Christmas morning. But Christmas is a spirit, which you either have or haven't. If you haven't it, the holidays are only a bore; on the other hand, if you allow yourself to become enthusiastic there is really a lot of fun to be derived from it even though you're lonely and away from home. Last year a traveling man who was compelled to spend Christmas away from his family in a strange city gathered a number of tenement waifs together, took them into a large restaurant and treated them all to a Christmas dinner. "I never saw such hungry kids," declared the traveling man in repeating his experience to a friend, "and I never had so much fun in my life."

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## ENGLAND CALMLY ACCEPTS CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT

By J. W. PEGLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent) LONDON, Dec. 23.—Within a short time of Premier Lloyd-George's first speech, England has been unprecedently awakened by the actualities of war. Revolutionary changes have come in such rapid succession that the public would not be surprised at any new movement. "The national prohibition on liquor was announced it would probably evoke nothing more than a zephyr hostility."

Actual prohibition may not be so remote, either, especially since it is reported that liquor will soon be entirely banned in Scotland, in order to increase the output of shipping—not only by permitting more work by ship-building laborers, but by decreasing cargoes of booze.

The public argues that if such a move would augment shipping, it would probably also increase the output of shells and foodstuffs in various ways if applied rigorously to the entire country.

## NAME EARL TO HEAD BUREAU OF ORDINANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The nomination of Commander Ralph Earle to be chief of the bureau of ordinance with the rank of rear admiral was sent to the senate Thursday.

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WANTED—Counter girl at Hotel Foley, 501 Miller.  
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### REAL ESTATE For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE—32 acre farm in town of Suelby, 7 miles from La Crosse. Everything included. Good location and everything in good order. Mrs. Fred Krueger, La Crosse, Wis.  
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FOR SALE—the two story brick apartment building and two story frame dwelling house on the corner of Third and King streets. C. F. Klein.  
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FOR SALE—First class lot on Hill-view, facing park, across from city greenhouses. Call 907-M or address L. T. care of Tribune.  
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FOR SALE—Two story frame house, lot 59x150. 1743 Pine Street. Easy terms. \$1,900. C. F. Klein. 11 14 14

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Piano; Emerson upright and talking machine with 30 records. W. S. Kings, 512 Pine.  
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FOR SALE OR RENT—Seven room house. Inquire 520 So. 11th St.  
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FOR SALE—Gold flst. at Catholic cemetery.  
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FOR RENT—A large, well lighted, city heated room in business district, suitable for a mail order business or club room. Address Box 594.  
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### FOR RENT—Upper and lower six room and bath flats. Large, all modern, 520 South Fourth Street. 12 2 11

FOR RENT—Four rooms and bath; suitable for 2 small families, N. E. corner Third and King streets, second floor, from Nov. 1, \$14.00. Inquire of C. F. Klein, 310 Pearl St.  
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FOR RENT—Five room tower flat, hot water heat, 215 North Eighth Street. Inquire T. H. Brindley, with W. A. Roosevelt Co.  
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FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms. Inquire L. B. Ledman, office 125 South Third. Both phones.  
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FOR RENT—Two light housekeeping rooms, downstairs, private entrance. Phone 698-Blue.  
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FOR RENT—Store with barn on West avenue south. Inquire 803 South Eleventh Street.  
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FOR RENT—House, 720 Cameron Avenue; six rooms, all modern but heat. Phone new 1233-A.  
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FOR RENT—Modern furnished room, hot water heat. 325 North Eighth. Phone 1522-A.  
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FOR RENT—One furnished modern room with kitchenette and bath. Phone 513-M.  
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FOR RENT—8-room house, strictly modern. 119 N. 10th St. Inquire 925 State St.  
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FOR RENT—Six room house, 404 Oakland Street. Inquire 409 North Fourteenth.  
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FOR RENT—Eight room modern house in good location. Call 724-M.  
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FOR RENT—Six room modern house. Inquire 902 Pine. Phone 946-R.  
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FOR RENT—Four room flat, 609 Main, \$12. Inquire Jensen's Shoe Shop.  
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FOR RENT—Store at 601 Main St. Inquire C. F. Klein, 310 Pearl.  
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FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 512 King.  
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FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION lends money on real estate. Borrow and make monthly payments.  
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### WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT—Modern furnished room, close to business district. Phone 390.  
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WANTED—Four modern furnished rooms for the winter. New phone 1340-R.  
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### STOVES AND FURNITURE

SECOND-HAND furniture and stoves. Bell Furniture Co., 216 So. Third.  
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### SHOE REPAIRING

FOR QUICK REPAIRING call Jensen, new phone 1849-C. Repairing while you wait. 208 S. Third.  
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### AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

FLANDERS four passenger or delivery, \$150; Buick roadster, \$200; Studebaker five passenger, \$175; Elsen & Phillips, 110 South Second Street. New phone 61; old phone 5613.  
12 18 23

FOR SALE—Bargains in used roadsters and touring cars from \$175 up. Dietz Garage, 209 State.  
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### NEW TRIAL ASKED OF BERTELSON CASE

Motion for a new trial in the \$5,000 malpractice suit brought by Bernard Bertelson against Dr. John L. Callahan was filed with Clerk of Court Aiken on Saturday morning by Attorneys Gordon, Law and Gordon. The suit was recently heard in circuit court by Judge A. C. Fowler of Fond du Lac. A jury found Dr. Callahan negligent in his treatment of Bertelson's wounded foot, but did not assess damages.

Judge Fowler will either come to La Crosse to hear the motion or the attorneys interested in the case will go to Fond du Lac. Attorney J. E. Higbee is counsel for Dr. Callahan.

### ROBBED OF PAYROLL

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Two hold-up men took the payroll amounting to \$1,300 from Joseph Bambini of Bambini & Brothers Dry Goods company, as he was returning from the bank Saturday.

### Daily Markets

(Quoted by John C. Burns.)

#### Wholesale

Oranges, Sunbelt, size 100... \$2.75  
Oranges, Navel, size 126... \$3.00  
Oranges, Navel, size 150... \$3.25  
Oranges, Navel, size 176... \$3.50  
Oranges, Navel, size 200... \$3.75

Cider, clarified, 1/2 bbl... \$5.75  
Cider, clarified, 1/4 bbl... \$5.00  
Cider, crab apple, bbl... \$5.50  
Lemons, size 100... \$2.25  
Lemons, size 126... \$2.50  
Lemons, size 150... \$2.75  
Potatoes, Irish Cobbler, bu... \$1.50  
Potatoes, Wis-Minn., bu... \$1.65  
Onions, 100 pounds... \$3.00  
Oysters, per gallon... \$1.75  
Oysters, standard, per gal... \$1.75  
Oysters, select, gal... \$1.85  
Oysters, N. Y. Counts, gal... \$2.00  
Cabbage, per cwt... \$3.00  
Cranberries, Badgers, bbl... \$7.50  
Cranberries, Banner, bbl... \$8.00  
Cranberries, Fob, bbl... \$8.50  
Spanish onions, crate... \$1.60  
Celery, per doz... \$2.00  
Rutabagas, cwt... \$2.00  
Carrrots, cwt... \$3.00  
Apples, Yorks, bbl... \$4.50  
Apples, Ben Davis... \$3.50  
Apples, Jonathans, box... \$1.75  
Apples, bbl... \$3.50  
Grape Fruit, box... \$3.50 to \$4.00  
Oranges, Fla., box... \$2.50  
Grapes, Almeria, keg... \$6.50  
Apples, Wagner, box... \$1.75  
Apples, Rome Beauty, box... \$1.75

#### Livestock

(Quoted by Farmers' Co-operative Packing Company.)  
Hogs... \$7.75 to \$9.00  
Cows... \$3.00 to \$5.00  
Steers... \$5.00 to \$6.00  
Heifers... \$4.50 to \$6.00  
Calves... \$5.00 to \$8.00  
Sheep... \$3.50 to \$4.00  
Spring lambs... \$6.50 to \$7.00

#### Provisions

Pure lard, open kettle rend... 19 1/2c  
Pure lard... 19c  
Smoked reg. hams... 21c  
Smoked skd. hams... 21 1/2c  
Picnics... 15c  
Bacon... 20 to 21c  
Dried beef... 26 to 30c  
Loins, pork... 16 1/2 to 17c  
Shoulders... 14 1/2c  
Hams, fresh... 17 to 18c  
Boston butts... 16c

#### Cheese Market

(Quoted by H. Y. Anderregg)  
Fancy full cream brick, cases... 23 to 24c  
Fancy full cream tins... 24 to 26c  
Fancy full cream daisy's... 25 to 26c  
Fancy full cream Limburger... 25 to 28c  
Fancy full cream Swiss round... 38 to 40c  
Fancy full cream Swiss block... 30 to 32c  
German hand cheese, box... 95c

#### Butter and Eggs

(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)  
Creamery butter, pound... 40c  
Fresh eggs, dozen... 40c  
Storage eggs, dozen... 33c

#### Grain

(Quoted by Farmers' Co-operative Market Co.)  
Oats... 40 to 50c  
Wheat... \$1.20 to \$1.40  
Barley... 75 to 95c

#### Flour and Feed

(Quoted by Listman Mill Co.)  
Patents... \$9.20  
Straight... \$9.00  
Elmco Brs... \$30.00  
Elmco Shorts, 100 lbs... \$32.00  
Elmco White Middlings, 100 lbs... \$37  
Elmco Red Dog, 100 lbs... \$40.00

#### Feed

Brn. per ton, 100 lb. sacks \$30.00  
Shorts, per ton, 100 lb. sacks \$32.00  
White Middlings, per ton, 100 lb. sacks \$37.00  
Red Dog, ton, 100 lb. sacks \$40.00

## PRAIRIE STUDENTS LEAVE CAMPION ON SPECIAL FLYER

Special Is Arranged for Campion College, Class and They Leave for Their Homes in Chicago

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis.—(Special.)—Campion college closed Thursday for the holiday vacation. The Burlington road furnished the students a special train for Chicago, consisting of a diner, chair cars and observation car. The train embarked on the private track on the College grounds.

The school will reopen for the spring term January 8th and 9th. Sanitarium Meeting

The new sanitarium company will hold their annual stock holders meeting at their office Wednesday January 3.

Home Burns  
The home of John Ducharme on North Church street opposite the court house square was badly damaged by fire Thursday afternoon caused by a defective chimney. The fire had a good start before the department arrived. The upper part of the house was gutted and kitchen badly damaged. Most of the household goods were removed. Damage about four hundred dollars.

Cold Does Damage  
On account of the severe cold weather all mails on the Burlington and Milwaukee roads are from one to two hours late. The postoffice is swamped with Christmas packages and the Wells-Fargo express company have had to put on two extra girls in the office to handle the large shipments for Iowa points.

Local and Personal  
H. C. Craig, formerly foreman at the Courier office, and now connected with an Elkader, Iowa, paper is in the city to spend Christmas with his family.

John Sterling of Ferryville, county treasurer-elect was in the city on business Wednesday and Thursday. Ex-Register of Deeds Weeks of Mount Sterling visited friends in the city Wednesday.

Louis Cassatt of Guttenberg visited in the city at the Charles Rhein home Wednesday.

Joseph Kranfelder, professor of music at Campion college departed Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents at Bloomer, Wis.

K. O. Johnson, cashier of the State bank of Mount Sterling, was a Prairie business caller Friday.

William Keeley of Steuben, transacted business in the city Friday.

J. P. Albee departed for Glenview, Mich., Monday on account of the serious illness of a sister.

Miss Stella Savage left Saturday morning to spend Christmas with her brother John and her niece Hazel.

Mrs. Charlotte Gilley who resides with her brothers Horace and Seward Beach departed Tuesday for Minneapolis to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. William Kahl is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. James Curran.

Assessor of Incomes, Thomas Bergen transacted business in Vernon county the past week.

Frank Zeeman of Hopkins, Minn., visited relatives in the city Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. L. Appleby visited over Sunday at La Crosse with her daughter, Mrs. L. Cassidy.

Miss Etta and Emma Flucke of Detroit are spending the holidays in the city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Flucke.

Dr. W. A. Hall left Friday for Hibbing, Minn., where he will spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Halliday. His daughter, Mrs. Colton of Duluth and Mrs. Sidney Boyen of Mason City will also be present.

Hugh Hazen of Mount Hope transacted business in the city Saturday. J. Larsen of Waukon Junction, north of this city made the first big haul of fish of the season, 8,000 pounds, valued at \$800.00.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. A tree with presents for the little ones will be a feature of the program.

Sherwin Bisbee departed Thursday for Wauzeka to spend the weekend and Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Silage.

Minnie Case a teacher in the public schools at Duluth is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her parents, C. B. Case and wife on South Minnesota street.

Mrs. Schumacher of Lynxville was in the city Thursday to visit her daughter who is confined at the new sanitarium.

Mertie and George Ziel of Waukon Junction are in the city to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ziel.

Miss Hazel Weston of Dubuque is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Day on South Church street.

The 7th and 8th grade pupils of St. Gabriel's presented a program at the school at 7:30 p. m. Friday Dec. 22.

The program follows:  
Chorus, O. Holy Night; reading, My White Rose; piano, Evening Chimes; playlet, Mother's Christmas Gift; reading, Christmas Eve at Fezzurigs; aesthetic dance, Revels of the Snow Flakes; reading, Hon. Floyd minded the baby; dumb bell exercise; reading, An Evening Prayer; playlet, The Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Joseph Kapan was business visitor at La Crosse Thursday.

Miss Josie Clinton was a business caller at Lynxville Thursday.

## Foreign Markets

### New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A general resumption of advances marked the opening of the stock market Saturday. Steel opened with sales of ten thousand shares from 107 1/2 to 107 3/4, up 1/4 to 3/4.

Railroads were again firm and industrial generally showed fractional advances. Among the exceptions was Marine preferred which opened off 1/4 at 92 1/2.

During the first half hour the changes showed by the general list were slight, but generally had a downward trend. United States Steel, after opening up, dropped to its closing level of yesterday.

The copper group showed fractional changes on both sides.

Prices sagged moderately in the late trading. Baldwin led the slump with a break of four points. Trading was light. The close was moderately reactionary.

Sales during the second hour were 223,000 shares, making the total for the two hour session 538,000 shares. Steel closed at 108 1/4, off 1/4; Reading 103 1/4, off 1/4; and Marine preferred 90, off 1/4.

### Kansas City Livestock

RECEIPTS, 100; market steady; steers, \$6 to \$11.25; cows and heifers, \$5.25 to \$10.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.75 to \$8; calves, \$6 to \$11.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; market steady; bulk, \$9.80 to \$10.25; heavy, \$10.15 to \$10.30; medium, \$10 to \$10.25; light, \$9.50 to \$10.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 100; market steady; lambs, \$12.50 to \$13.15; ewes, \$8 to \$9; stockers and feeders, \$6 to \$12.

### Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Hogs Saturday closed fairly steady and active at opening prices. Top at \$10.40. Estimated for Tuesday 50,000.

Cattle closed steady with top at \$11.75; calves \$11.75. Sheep closed steady with top at \$10.00; lambs \$13.45.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 23.—Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market slow and steady to shade lower; mixed and butchers, \$9.50 to \$10.40; good to heavy, \$9.30 to \$10.30; rough heavy, \$9.00 to \$10.00; light, \$9.50 to \$10.15; pigs, \$7.95 to \$9.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market steady; beefs, \$7.00 to \$11.75; cows and heifers, \$4.00 to \$10.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.00 to \$8.10; Texans, \$8.00 to \$9.10; calves, \$8.00 to \$11.75; western, \$7.00 to \$10.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; market steady; native, \$9.00 to \$10.00; western, \$9.00 to \$10.00; native lambs, \$11.25 to \$13.45; western lambs, \$11.25 to \$13.45.

### Chicago Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Butter—Creamery extras, 38 1/2c; extra firsts, 37 1/2 to 38c; firsts, 34 to 36c; seconds, 32 1/2 to 33 1/2c.

Eggs—Ordinaries, 35 to 36c; firsts, 40 to 41c.

Cheese—Twins, 23 to 23 1/2c





DOES IT PAY TO PATRONIZE

## Home Industry?

We believe the answer is found in the yearly record of dividends given below, by which over \$100,000 has been saved to this community in the past ten years by the competition furnished by the New Phone.

Year 1907 paid.....	\$ 5,494.75
Year 1908 paid.....	5,499.35
Year 1909 paid.....	6,494.75
Year 1910 paid.....	9,739.23
Year 1911 paid.....	10,734.89
Year 1912 paid.....	12,386.43
Year 1913 paid.....	13,097.54
Year 1914 paid.....	13,960.78
Year 1915 paid.....	14,783.28
Year 1916 paying.....	15,499.57

Total .....\$107,690.57

269 STOCKHOLDERS 6,748 TELEPHONES

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## MIRACLE PLAY OF NATIVITY HOLIDAY CHURCH PROGRAM

A miracle play of the ancient mediaeval pattern will feature the Christmas observance of the First Congregational church on Sunday. Rehearsals have been in progress for the play for some time. The play will reproduce Nativity according to the scriptural account. As was the custom in the middle ages, the play will be almost entirely pantomime, with an unseen voice reading the appropriate scriptural passages to accompany the action, and a large chorus off-stage.

The scenes to be given are those of the Shepherds and the Angels and the Wise men and the Holy Family. The cast is composed of members of the church and Sunday school.

The miracle play will feature vespers services for Christmas eve at the church, which will also be made notable by a big chorus singing old Christmas hymns and carols.

## FORMER HOUSEKEEPER ROOTS FOR SUCCESS OF THE BRITISH PREMIER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—While Lloyd-George, England's man of the hour, is face to face with a world crisis, there is a woman in Milwaukee who is rooting strongly for him and predicting that he "will pull the fat out of the fire."

She is Mrs. Z. A. Mather, former schoolmate and housekeeper for the British premier.

"If there's anyone that can bring order out of this mixup, it's Mr. Lloyd-George," said Mrs. Mather, primly. "He is a man sent from God to do good to the world."

"We went to the same school. He was very quick and ambitious and always at the top of his class. While the master would be putting the problem on the blackboard, Master Lloyd-George would be figuring the problem out in his mind and be ready with the answer by the time the teacher had finished writing."

"Always his thought was of the poor. I think all his reading and study of people made him feel that it was not right for the titled people to have so much land and so much money, while the others had so little."

## SIXTEEN HURT IN WRECK

PENDLETON, S. C., Dec. 23.—Sixteen were injured, some perhaps fatally, when a Blue Ridge train was wrecked near here Friday.

One of the cars turned completely over.

There were 27 passengers aboard the train.

## AWARD PARTIALLY GRANTS DEMANDS OF SWITCHMEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Partial granting of the demands of the Switchmen's Union of North America for an eight-hour day was made in an award filed with the United States district court Saturday by the federal arbitration board.

The switchmen demanded a rate of one and one-half pay for overtime against thirteen railroads of the east and middle west. The award was for an increase of pay from December 23, 1915, to the same date in 1917 of five cents an hour for conductors and helpers and grant of an eight-hour day with pro-rata pay for overtime.

## EIGHT ROADS PREVENT ADJUSTMENT OF CAR SHORTAGE IS CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Adjustment of the nation-wide car shortage—declared by federal authorities to be largely responsible for the present high cost of living—is hindered by refusal of eight railroads to cooperate with the American Railway association, according to a statement of the car shortage commission of the association on Friday.

The eight roads, charged with disregard of the committee's orders for relief of the shortage are:

Boston & Albany; Maine Central; Lehigh Valley; Philadelphia & Reading; New York Central; Michigan Central; Wabash; and Toledo & Ohio Central.

## JEFFERSON SHERIFF DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 23.—Will Tonton, sheriff of Jefferson county, on Friday was appointed deputy United States marshal for the western federal district by Marshal Frank O'Connor.

## TO BUILD GREAT LINERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Four new ocean liners, larger and faster than the Mauretania and the Lusitania, will soon be constructed for the American line, officials of the International Mercantile Marine company, which controls the line have announced.

The vessels will be constructed at a cost of \$7,500,000 each and will be over 900 feet long. They will probably be constructed in the New York Shipbuilding company's yards at Wilmington, Delaware.

Some girls are so prim that they would not be rescued from a wreck in a breeches buoy.

## BUSINESS MEN OF TOMAH WIN OVER PROFESSIONALS

Alois Fix and Tim Donovan Are Stars of Fast and Furious Basket-shooting Tilt

TOMAH, Wis.—(Special.)—Honors were carried off by the business men in the basket ball game at the Armory Wednesday night, when they defeated the professionals by a score of 12 to 4.

Alois Fix appeared to be the big gun for the business men, making three baskets. Dan Burkey and H. B. Sowle also did their share, the former shooting two baskets and the latter one. The four points for the professionals were gained by Tim Donovan, although it is said Dr. Anderson and W. R. McCaul put in three and one-half hours of steady practicing before the game. They didn't seem to be able to stand up under the hard fight put up by their opponents.

The professionals were also handicapped by Dr. Bell and Winters being under weight. The game altogether was considered a good example of football in the early ages.

**Resident Drops Dead**  
Fred Buckatz, an old resident of Tomah, whose home was on the corner of Stoughton avenue and Cameron street, dropped dead Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, while sawing wood.

Funeral services will be held from the Lutheran church Saturday.

**Gives Christmas Baskets**  
The Ladies' Helping Hand society has for the past twenty-five years at the holiday time, packed Christmas boxes for those who wished to receive them. Their good work has gone on this year as usual, twelve boxes being sent out by the society Thursday.

The boxes were filled with clothing, eatables and candy, nuts and toys for the children.

People of the city have been generous this year in sending the society money, clothing and food for which the ladies wish to particularly thank Messrs. M. S. Syverson, W. Brennan, L. Storckel, G. Graham, Al. Ingham, Rev. Wheeler and the Messdames Bell, P. Johnson, Crotty, Andrews, Van Wie, and the Misses Grace Randall and Tessie Brennan.

**To Elect Officers**  
At a meeting of the Business Men's club Monday evening officers for the ensuing year were suggested by a committee consisting of Messrs. F. Haacker, R. Wells, C. Crotty, G. Richards and J. Kress. A vote will be taken in the near future.

**Local and Personal**  
Wilbur Hendricks, Earl and Bernard Drowatzky, Florence Hamilton, Irene Eldridge, Lilah Hendricks, Donald Compton and Raymond Reinhardt, students at the University of Wisconsin arrived home Thursday.

Miss Ruth Treat will be hostess at a Christmas party this evening at which the guests will be the Misses Lila Bongers, Ina King, Alice Snodgrass, Pearl Schwartz, Letitia Hahn, Katharine Howes and Mrs. Biglow Frisbie.

Mrs. Harrison Seymour is at home for the holidays.

Miss Marjorie Hill, who is attending the Stout institute, is with her mother at the government Indian school during her vacation.

W. L. Howes was a business caller in La Crosse Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rocken of Milwaukee will spend Christmas with Mr. Ricken's mother and Miss Tillie Rocken.

## BEDFORD ELECTED STANDARD OIL HEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey on Friday elected A. C. Bedford as president, to succeed the late John D. Archbold.

Bedford has been acting head of the Standard Oil company since Archbold's death. He held the positions of vice president and treasurer until his election.

## BIKES TRAVEL 2,346 MILES

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Six teams had traveled 2,346 miles and five laps in the annual six-day bicycle race at 8 a. m. Saturday. Cameron was leading the pack. Madison Square garden was taking on its usual smell, and fans who had spent the week watching the grind were snoring peacefully.

Smith and Kopsky, Lawson and Mitten, Thomas and H. Oht, were one lap behind the leaders. Eaton and Ryan, E. Oht and Bello, were two laps behind.

The record is 2,506 miles and four laps, made by Cameron and Kaiser in 1914.

## DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN

	Lo.	Hi.	P.
Boston.....	26	50	.82
Charleston.....	36	60	0
New York.....	24	44	.60
Washington.....	28	44	0
Galveston.....	42	42	0
Jacksonville.....	40	66	0
New Orleans.....	38	46	0
Chicago.....	12	12	0
La Crosse.....	-4	10	0
Madison.....	2	8	0
Memphis.....	30	34	0
Milwaukee.....	6	10	0
Bismarck.....	-14	2	0
Huron.....	-8	8	0
Kansas City.....	16	30	0
St. Paul.....	-6	0	0
Boise.....	32	38	0
Denver.....	16	42	0
Helena.....	6	18	0
Miles City.....	-22	2	0
Portland, Ore.....	34	42	.10
Spokane.....	28	32	0
Medicine Hat.....	-20	-2	0

If you don't find out your mistakes, your customers will.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH UNUSUAL IN SPARTA OFFICE

SPARTA, Wis.—(Special.)—The Christmas rush is now on in full swing. Clerks are busy and the post-office is one of the liveliest places in town. The seven or eight employees, even Postmaster Rice himself, are kept keenly on the alert to serve patrons, and handle the parcel post.

**Church to Have School**  
The central committee of the Methodist church, on approval of the official board, has decided to open a night school early in January. A number of courses will be offered for study. Opportunity to enroll will be given in the near future. Miss Harriet Hutson, supervising teacher of Monroe county, will have direction of the school.

**Lecture Course Number**  
The second number of the Sparta lecture course was given December 21 by Charles R. Taggart, entertainer, from Vermont, in the Methodist church.

**Cataract Pair Wed**  
Miss Anna Scheuermann and Edwin James, both of Cataract, were married at the bride's home at noon Wednesday, by the Rev. Schmeling of the Lutheran church of this city. They will make their home on the James farm near Cataract.

**Obituary**  
The funeral services for Mr. James Murphy were held Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock p. m. at the home in the town of Lafayette. Rev. C. L. Clifford officiated. The burial was in the Angelo cemetery. Mr. Murphy was born in Columbus, Wis., and resided in Elroy before coming to Sparta, where he was a resident for many years. He is survived by his wife and five children, Edward and George, Miss Harriet Murphy, lately supervising teacher, and Mrs. Lizzie Hall. The deceased was 63 years of age. He had been in his usual health until Monday morning, when he was suddenly stricken with apoplexy, while out milking the cows, and was dead when found.

**Motor Fire**  
The large motor truck belonging to Walter Ellis of the Northwestern Dray line, burst into flames as it stood in front of the office Tuesday. An extinguisher from Hemstock's livery and one from the engine house were soon procured and the fire was put out in a short time, and was in condition to be run in the afternoon.

**Poultry Show**  
The annual show of the Sparta Poultry Fanciers will be held in Sparta January 10 to 15, 1917. Four Spartans carried off blue ribbons at the La Crosse show—Harry Angle, A. Anderson, John Summerfield and John Herbst.

Mike Stellick and John Herbst carried off several first prizes from the show recently held at Watertown, where over 800 birds were exhibited. Sparta expects a better show than last year, many outside exhibitors promising to send birds.

**Golden Wedding**  
Mr. and Mrs. Evan R. Jones celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday at their home, 412 Jefferson avenue.

Miss Martha Ellen Case and Evan R. Jones were married in the town of Manchester, December 20, 1866. They were residents of Mound Prairie for twenty years. In 1884 Mr. Jones was elected sheriff. After serving a term, he returned to the farm but was again elected sheriff in 1888. Later, for several years, he was proprietor of the old American house. In 1900 he was elected to the state legislature. For nearly ten years he has been assessor of the city of Sparta. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Jones helped them celebrate their wedding day: Miss Nellie M. Jones, who is engaged in religious work in the northern part of the state; Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Esterville, Iowa; Charles W. Jones and Mrs. John Bradley of Sparta, and Robert E. Jones of Winnipeg, Canada.

**Local and Personal**  
Mrs. Tillie Munson expects to leave Sparta in the near future for Honolulu, where she will make her future home. Mr. Munson, who belongs to the coast artillery, is located there.

Miss Eliza Heasty fell on an icy place on the sidewalk Thursday, breaking her hip. She will be confined to her home for several weeks.

C. V. Fitch is visiting in Milwaukee at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Stimpson.

Miss Irene Jordan, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to Princeton, Minn., where she is a nurse in a hospital.

David Fletcher of Baker, Mont., is visiting in Sparta and vicinity.

Miss Margaret Peacock is spending the holiday season at her home at Lancaster.

Mrs. F. R. Potter will entertain the Home Study club Friday evening. There will be a Christmas tree.

Miss Anna Ward of Sun River, Mont., was in the city Thursday, a guest at the home of Postmaster Rice.

## Scotticism

The place is one of our most expensive and therefore popular restaurants.

"Excuse me, sir, but you don't think it out of the question that you should occupy the principal table in this cafe and order only one bottle of ginger ale?"

McTavish: Who are you that's speakin' to me like that?

"The manager."

McTavish: The verra man I wanted to see. What for's the band no' playin'—Life.

**A Surmise**  
"I was just reading about a hen that laid twenty-six eggs in twenty-seven days, besides taking care of a brood of chickens."

"I'll bet that hen didn't belong to any clubs."—Louisville Courier Journal.

## SOLID IVORY IS BLAMED FOR BAD SEASON OF TIGER

Writer in Princetonian Says Brains Were Lacking in Running of Team

BY H. C. HAMILTON  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A frankness that is admirable is expressed in a letter to the Princetonian, the college publication at Princeton university, in which the late lamented football team coached by Speedy Rush is given a name that completely absolved Rush from all blame. The writer says:

"Last year our team was accused of being 'yellow' and a 'bunch of quitters'; this year it is termed an organization of 'no brains'. The latter is undoubtedly the case; our team was a dumb team."

"It is pretty hard for any coach or set of coaches to instill brains into a crowd of seniors. If they haven't got them they won't acquire them in two months practice. The team lost the Harvard game through lack of the proper thought, and the Yale game a week later for the same reason."

"While I want in no way to criticize the coaching, I do think there was a combination of the backfield that could have overcome this weakness; however, past is past; the team lost. Mr. Rush lost also, partly due to his own lack of experience and partly and mostly because he was dealing with a bunch of boneheads who were utterly at a loss to make a quick, intelligent decision when the opportunity presented itself. Too much importance cannot be laid upon teaching the players of next year's team to think for themselves."

"Without mentioning any names, there are certain holdover members of Princeton's team who could take this heart-to-heart talk to their own hearts and do wonders for Old Nassau next fall. It is a lamentable fact, but none the less true, that the young man who penned the missive to the Princetonian whacked the old nail squarely on its battered head. The Harvard gas was lost by poor thinking, and the Yale game was lost for the same reason."

Imagine a youth who plans to use a great deal of intelligence in overcoming this life's obstacles calling for a forward pass with a football just yearning to be puffed over a goal line by straight rushing. That's just what happened in each of these important conflicts.

Speedy Rush had his problems with this team of last October and November. He had a team which, to take a look at them lined up on paper, would have tied Yale and Harvard into double-clinched bow-knots. But, as every one knows, they didn't do it, and the youth who wrote the letter isn't the only one who believes that solid ivory was the cause.

## BOWLING

### CITY LEAGUE Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Nelson Clothing Co. ....	27	9	.750
S. and H. Cigars .....	25	11	.694
Williams' Stars .....	22	14	.667
Maders No. 1 .....	20	16	.556
Bodegas .....	19	17	.528
Lotus .....	16	20	.444
Bijou .....	15	21	.417
Maders No. 2 .....	15	21	.417
Majestics .....	12	24	.333
Opaccos .....	10	26	.278

	Won	Lost	Pct.
J. Mekvold .....	175	187	.159
Mickelstad .....	176	186	.136
Eaton .....	183	201	.145
Wiggert .....	170	188	.188
Handicap .....	12	12	.12

Totals .....	716	774	.640
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	Won	Lost	Pct.
Bradish .....	157	151	.154
Keeler .....	140	177	.126
Stavrum .....	140	177	.193
Bruha .....	126	137	.209
Handicap .....	37	37	.37

Totals .....	604	679	.719
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	Won	Lost	Pct.
Mekvold .....	173	174	.140
Mickelstad .....	149	179	.157
Wiggert .....	183	156	.178
Eaton .....	213	180	.161
Substitute .....	136	161	.122
Handicap .....	12	12	.12

Totals .....	866	862	.770
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	Won	Lost	Pct.
Christopherson .....	158	169	.116
Rand .....	153	143	.135
Nelson .....	136	167	.176
Freng .....	147	159	.159
Aldrich .....	136	183	.146
Handicap .....	50	60	.60

Totals .....	780	881	.795
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## PACKER BACKS TINKER IN COLUMBUS DEAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Thomas E. Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., packers, is the latest magnate to enter the ranks of organized baseball, it became known here Saturday. Wilson is the principal backer of Joe Tinker, who has closed a deal taking over the Columbus American association club, at a price of \$65,000. All but 25 per cent of the stock will be turned over to Tinker and his backers.

**To Help Peoria Interest**  
PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 23.—Joe Tinker is to keep his one-half interest in the Peoria franchise of the Three-I league, it was announced by President Ryan here, when he learned of Tinker's Columbus deal.

## GANS BEATS JOHNSON

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Young Joe Gans beat Leo Johnson in a twelve round go here Friday night.

## Pre-Inventory AND Holiday Sale

10% Cash Discount on  
All Merchandise Sold  
Up to Christmas

GROSS, The Cycle Man

AT NEW LOCATION

107 N. Third St.

Agents for Indian Motorcycles, Iver Johnson and Indian Bicycles. Why not a bicycle for your boy or girl for Christmas? A most welcome gift. Supplies and general repairing. Will be open evenings. Have your bicycle overhauled this winter or trade in for a new one, as prices on wheels will advance in spring.

## Sport News

### NORMAL REGULARS BEAT ALUMNI BY A SMALL MARGIN

In a fast and exciting game Captain Meinert and his normal basketball team got away with a victory over the school's former stars in the State street gym on Friday evening by the score of 47-44 which tells a large part of the story. With one exception, the alumni squad was composed of the state championship team of 1915 but the old warriors were without the services of Meinert, who remained loyal to the team he captains and dropped the ball through the bucket eleven times, and Wachter, star guard, who was not able to be on the scene of battle on time because of delayed train connections.

Meinert and Hoepfner were the mainstays of Dr. Sputh's contingent, although some of the new men showed up well and will undoubtedly develop into a well working machine before the conference schedule starts. Benjamin, playing at running guard and center, played a great game for the normal and Weimer also showed up to advantage although he was somewhat nervous in his first game.

The former state champions showed up no individual stars, the entire team playing an excellent game. Weisse and Dahl, who were rushed into suits at the last minute on an emergency call, each scored seven field goals. Strum played his usual strong game at the guard position.

**Lineups:**  
Normal—Meinert and Hoepfner, forwards; Weimer, center; Benjamin and Huber, guards. Subs—Gordon, Roellig, Kuleynski and Hodge.

Alumni—Byers and Dahl, forwards; Weisse, center; Strum and Jackson, guards.

Field goals—Meinert, 11; Weisse, 7; Dahl, 7; Benjamin, 5; Hoepfner, 4; Strum, 3; Byers, 3; Weimar, 1.

Referee, Ralph Bradish.

### WILLARD GOES INTO MOVIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Jess Willard instead of fighting Georges Carpentier is going into the movies. Arrangements between his managers and D. W. Griffith have been made for the filming of five reels of the champion's ring career.

### WHITE TO NEW YORK

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Charley White has left for New York to fight somebody Monday afternoon. He was to meet Walter Mohr in a Christmas mill, but he received word before leaving Chicago Saturday that Mohr is sick and that Harry Pierce of New York probably will be substituted.

As "Lester Dawson," stoker, Darcy came to New York on the Standard Oil tank steamer Cushing. Tim O'Sullivan accompanied him, acting as manager and